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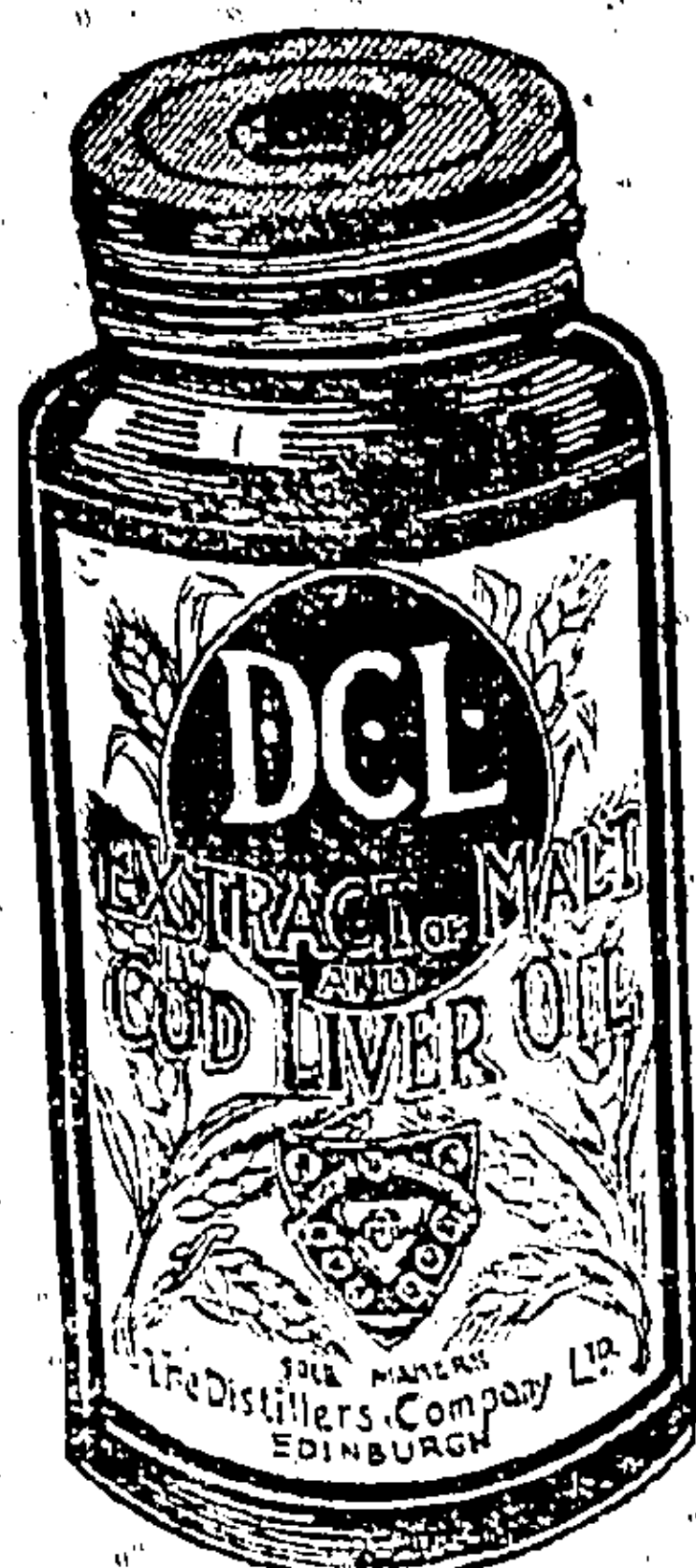
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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

### THE FEAST OF ST. ANDREW.

### PRINCE HENRY AND THE SCOTS.

### A MEMORY OF HIS FIRST KILT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, December 3rd.

St. Andrew's Day marks the opening of the winter festivities in the North, leading up to "the roaring rites" of Hogmanay and culminating in the New Year celebrations. The memory of our patron saint, however, is not prominently honoured; we leave that duty to our brothers and sisters who are "furth o' Scotland." Our principal, and what may be called our only official recognition of the Day is the service of the Order of the Thistle, held by command of the King in the Thistle Chapel, St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. We have to travel "over the hills and far away"—and over the wide seas—before we get the full flavoured tang of Scottish sentiment on the great feast of the 30th November. We taste it stronger in London or even in Dublin than we can in Edinburgh and Glasgow. But it is the distant lands that we find the most cheerful diners taking their chairs unperturbed by anxieties arising out of the possible future of the haggis, men who have been putting a damper on their vernacular all the year round now endeavouring to resurrect what remains of the accent of their old home.

The principal celebration in London was that of the Royal Scottish Corporation, where H.R.H. Prince Henry presided. It is needless to say that the apartment and the decorations of the dinner, the songs and bagpipe selections to the presence of boys and girls from the Calverton Schools and the ushering of the haggis with the ancient rites which so amaze the Sassenagh and embarrass the waiters, were all thoroughly in accordance with Scottish tradition. The best of good speeches were delivered, the best of all being that of the Royal Chairman. It abounded in happy touches; one of them was, "I realise that while you can always tell a Scot, you can very seldom tell him much." Then he recalled that the "charity" dated from the time when many Scots followed their monarch, James the Sixth, to England. "It might seem a strange thing to say, but not all these were successful in the quest of the golden spoils." A charity known as the Scots box was therefore started for the benefit of the less fortunate, and from such a small beginning arose the present Royal Scottish Corporation.

One of the amusing interludes in the proceedings was supplied by Lord Dunsin, when he told the company how he saw Prince Henry in a kilt for the first time. He could not give the precise date, but he recalled the occasion on December 3rd when he saw a wee figure coming along with unaccustomed knees exposed to the cold and invigorating air of that well known trysting place between Aberdeenshire and Balmoral, and afterwards he saw the small figure with a bonnet on its head standing at the window of a shop where amongst other queer things were sold "black balls"—that is, a well known large Scottish sweetmeat. No one enjoyed Lord Dunsin's reminiscence more than Prince Henry.

### ST. ANDREW SOCIETIES OVERSEAS.

The event of most importance noted in the annual report of the Council of the St. Andrew Society relates to the reception by affiliated societies beyond seas of the circular dispatched to them the previous autumn. In this they were invited to express their views on the subject of an enlargement of the scope of the Society in Edinburgh, mainly in the direction of a club or hostel which would constitute the Society's headquarters, and would serve as a meeting place, and perhaps eventually as a residence, for Scots from abroad when visiting the homeland. Favourable replies had been received from the St. Andrew Societies of Hongkong, Kenya Colony, Cape Town, Hankow, Singapore, Penang, Java, and Valparaiso. The Federated Malay States was in complete sympathy with the scheme, which received its first impulse from that Society. It was recognised, on all hands, that no steps could be taken until the financial position of the Society, as a whole, had been strengthened, and it was proposed by more than one of the overseas societies that a good beginning could be made by substituting for the affiliation fee of £1 1s., a levy of 2s. 6d. for every member in each affiliated society, to be taken out of the general fund of such society. The prospects of the scheme had been much helped by the fact that the Earl of Cassillis, a senior vice-president of the Society, who, with the Countess of Cassillis, made a tour round the world at the end of 1923 and the beginning of 1924, was able personally to commend it to a number of the Scottish overseas societies which he visited.

### BRITAIN'S TRADE WITH THE EAST.

Speaking at the launch of a new Holt liner from Messrs. Scott's yard on the Clyde, Sir Walter Townley, K.C.M.G., Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce for the Netherlands East Indies, made some important statements as to the present position of British trade and its probable future. There was, he said, a population in the Netherlands East Indies of something like 50 millions, and the demand for European goods increased every day; making very great openings, which this country had been slow to understand. The British Chamber of Commerce was pretty well established there. They had sound men on the spot, generous and good backing at home, and were able to get advice from those who were best able to give it. It was true that taxation had been badly levied, but that was unequal, but he thought that would be improved. There was a great export trade from the islands, and at present

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## HOW TO INCREASE TRADE.

### SIR P. CUNLIFFELISTER'S ADVICE.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, addressed the members of the King's College Union Society on December 2nd in the Great Hall of the college. Professor F. J. C. Hearnshaw was in the chair.

After pointing out the vital importance of increasing both our overseas and our home trade, which were interdependent, overseas trade paying for the raw materials necessary for our industries, Sir Philip said the cotton trade was now definitely better. That, in a few months, would result in a greatly increased purchasing power in Lancashire, which, in its turn, would react on the whole of our trade throughout the country. But, though things were better to-day, there was a very long way still to go. The goal at which we had to aim was twofold. We had to secure and retain the greatest possible share of the world's and to develop new markets. The first need was the restoration and maintenance of confidence and stability.

Then it was necessary that there should be mutual understanding between employers and employed to establish real partnerships in industry. That was vital. There was a need, too, for the study of markets. More research work in industry should be undertaken at home, and there should be more application of science to industry. We should try to break down the barrier that stood in the way of trade, and we should try in every way to reduce the cost of production. He did not mean by that that he wanted to reduce wages. On the contrary, he thought if we reduced costs and had a full output we would sell more, with the result that there would be a higher wage and a more efficient industry.

To do all this we should consider three things. First, it was an issue policy to put artificial restrictions upon output. That lowered wages and the standard of living. Secondly, it was vital that we should reduce rates and taxes. The third factor was the cost of living. That problem was extremely difficult, and if anyone wanted to rush into sudden remedies without knowledge, he would do more harm than good. If any practical step could be taken to reduce the cost of living it would be invaluable to industry, and that was why the Government had set up a Commission to go into the cost of food.

There was the beginning of a boom. Exports consisted of rubber, sugar, tea, coffee, and other commodities, including tobacco, and a strong development was taking place in oil palms.

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### A PORT SUNLIGHT IN THE HEBRIDES.

A well-known London Highlander, Mr. Lachlan Campbell, who has been on a tour of the Hebrides has come back impressed with the transformation of the township of Obbe, or Leverburgh, in South Harris, from a small fishing hamlet into a centre of thriving industry, and prophesies that in ten years the population in the district will be over 20,000. He asserts that work has been created for men and women which was undreamt of a few years ago. He says that Lord Leverhulme's scheme of building houses and factories, extending the harbour accommodation, and generally inaugurating another kind of Port Sunlight is still in its infancy, but it is a light is still in its infancy, but it is a significant beginning of the systematic development of industry in the Hebrides. Twenty trawlers are working from Leverburgh, and the catches are taken by fast steamers to the Southern markets. Surplus catches are turned over to the kipper and other stations, and at the whaling factory many thousands of barrels of oil are manufactured. Mr. Lachlan Campbell declares, incidentally that such material prosperity, with consequent diminution of emigration, is the only hope of preventing the Gaelic language dying out in the North-West of Scotland.

### GOLF AND SCOTTISH DEMOCRACY.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in pleading lately for a greater democratisation of golf and emphasising the expensiveness to which the game has now attained, was obviously thinking for once in terms entirely English, for, happily, on this side of the Border golf is still the game of the masses. And it is well that it is so, for obviously its contribution to the physical well being of the community must be greatly in excess of that made by sports in which a few hundred or a few thousand lookers-on and critics. How expensive golf is in England we in Scotland can hardly realise. Though there are up and down the country artisan clubs attached to some excellent courses—Cantelup at Forest Row is a notable example—where the working man can play the game, and there are clubs, membership of which does not involve a great financial strain, where Scotland scores as the democratic home of the game is in the universality of cheap golf everywhere—the fine municipal courses at Glasgow, Edinburgh, North Berwick, Aberdeen, St. Andrews, and Carnoustie, and the facilities generally wherever golf is one of the local "industries" of a town whereby the local people can play for an annual subscription of probably half a sovereign every lawful day of the year. England has nothing to compare with the golfing fringes of Ayrshire, East Lothian, Fife, and Forfar. Yet with all our advantages what do we make of them? Until this year certainly we had a wonderful international record, but since Robert Maxwell won his second Championship in 1923 there have been ten played, and we have produced only one home-bred champion. True, it is one of our leading exports, but we have enough good golfers in the country to have stood between us and such a dark record of almost consistent failure.

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## OCCUPATION IN BRITAIN. METAL WORKERS HEAD LIST.

LEAFIELD, December 8th.  
Occupation statistics of the 1921 census for England and Wales are published to-day.

The working population is divided into 1,600 occupations, grouped in 32 classes. In each of five occupations, the number of male workers employed exceeds one million. Those engaged as metal workers head the list, and this occupation is followed by over one and a half million males. 1,100,000 males are engaged in transport communication. Agricultural pursuits are followed by over 1,170,000. Commerce, finance, and insurance, excluding clerks, is the occupation of 1,060,000 males. The number of males engaged in mining and quarrying also exceeds one million.

Among women, personal service claims 1,600,000 and this represents the most important sphere of women's work so far as the number employed is concerned. The next in the list are textile workers. There are over 600,000 women engaged in this occupation, whereas the number of men similarly employed is only 372,000. There are over half a million women employed as makers of articles of dress, while a few short of that figure are employed as shop assistants or in other forms of business and commerce. There are nearly 420,000 women clerks in England and Wales. 360,000 women are classified as professional, the vast majority of these being school teachers, music teachers and sick nurses, but 2,000 of them are journalists and 1,200 doctors. The number of women dentists had reached 206 when the census was taken but, as is the case with regard to both barristers and solicitors, of whom only 37 are shown in the 1921 returns, there has probably been a very considerable increase in the past three years. The domestic work of women in their own families does not count as an occupation under the census and the most important field of women's work is thus ignored, but apart from that, nearly one in three women and girls over twelve years of age have some gaital occupation, namely, five millions out of just over 13 millions. The proportion of occupied girls is high until the age of marriage is reached. It rises from 3.8 per cent. at the ages of 12 to 13 years to 70 per cent. of those who have reached the age of 18 or 19 years. After that age, the percentage declines. In the country as a whole married women form less than 14 per cent. of women and girl workers.

## "WHAT ARE PROFITS?"

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In the course of an interesting address on "What are Profits?" delivered to the Incorporated Accountants' Students' Society of London at Cordwainers' Hall Mr. Reginald F. Silverstone, having expressed the opinion that accountants alone can decide what is and what is not profit, proceeded to quote nine interpretations of the word "profits" culled from various sources, and then admitted an inclination to agree with Mrs. Gamp that "there ain't no such a thing" as a comprehensive definition.

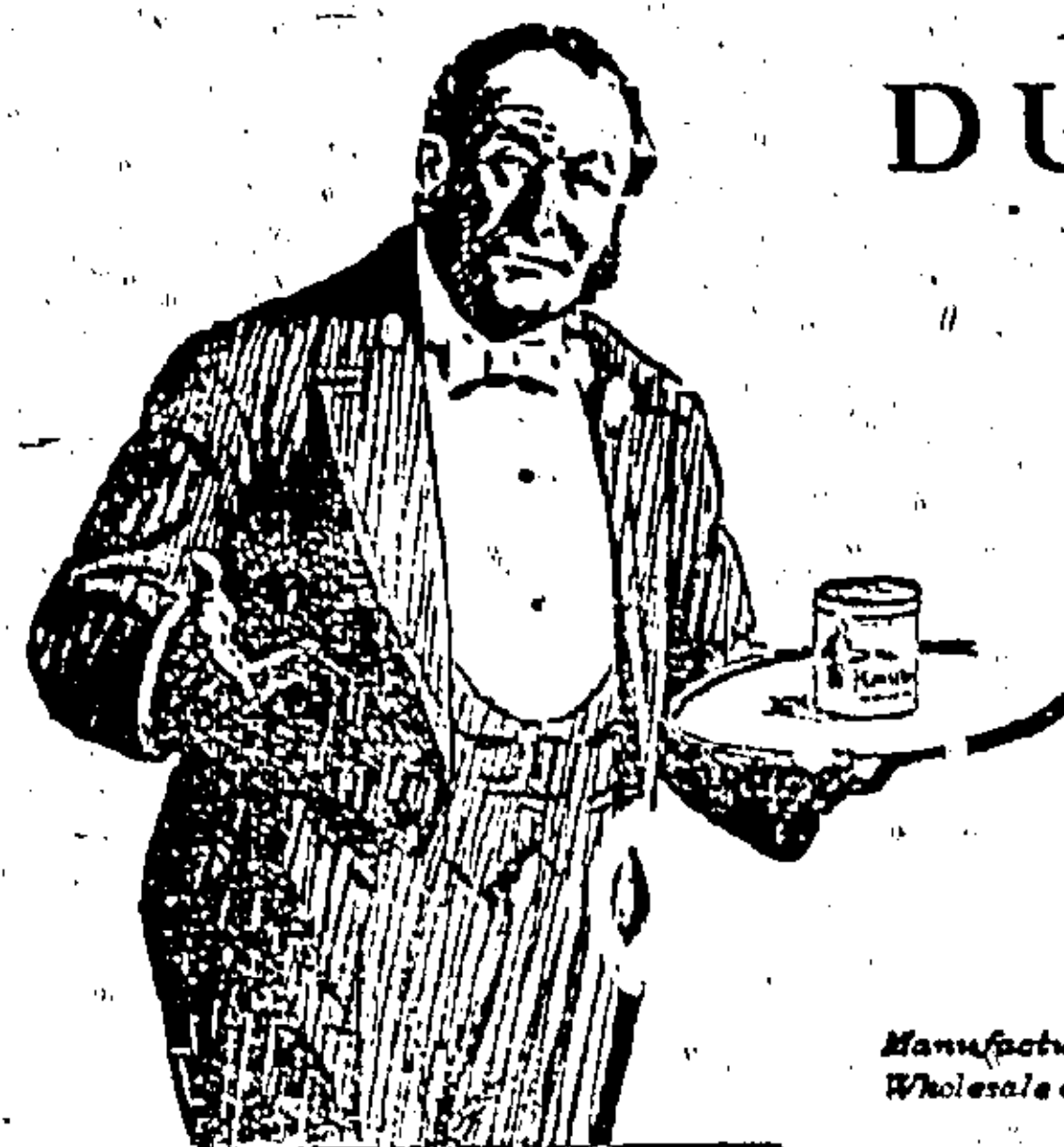
Mr. Silverstone considered the question of profits from three points of view: (1) economic, (2) legal and (3) commercial—a division which broadly groups the aspects from which profits may be regarded into (1) What profits might be, (2) what profit must be and (3) what profits ought to be. The economist's descriptive profits as the "rent of ability," and sagely declare that there is no recognised principle governing the proportion which profits should bear to the total product—a pronouncement of little assistance to those who had to administer the Profiteering Act, 1919, which appears to hold that a fair profit is a profit which a reasonable man would consider profitable.

The legal mind has been more definite on the subject of what profits for certain statutory purposes must be, with the result that when the untrained mind first meets with them he considers he has an inalienable right to "grouse." The difference between what the State and the taxpayer regard as profit constitutes a continually recurring disagreement, which has not been smoothed away by Mr. Justice Farwell's dictum that "there is no hard-and-fast rule by which the Court can determine what is capital and what is revenue." Mr. Silverstone dealt lucidly with profits for income-tax purposes, capital profits and revenue profits under executorship law, and divisible profits in the accounts of limited companies, and having skated over the economic and legal thin ice of his subject, he turned to the consideration of commercial profits, and presented a broad and comprehensive view of that more solid, if somewhat entangled, ground.

In summarising the results of his review, the lecturer declared that in considering what profits are it is necessary first to decide from what standpoint—economic, legal or commercial—they are to be viewed, and in the economic view he suggested that "profit is the difference between the produce derived from an undertaking and the necessary outlay therefor, including the replacement of exhausted capital."

## AMERICAN TRADE.

A New York message to the Soviet news agency in Peking says:—Returns published by the U.S. Department of Trade witness the fact that the United States is over more interested in China. Of American external commerce for the first nine months of the current year (1924), 27 per cent. went to the East and 29 per cent. to Europe, as against 22 and 50 per cent. respectively, during the same period in 1923. While the imports from China have somewhat decreased, the exports to China from America are larger this year by about 14 million gold dollars.



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| Orizental                      | (new) Tls. 23 b.              |
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| Hongkong Ropes (combined)      | \$358 nom.                    |
| China Providents (combined)    | \$313 b.                      |
| Dairy Farms                    | \$277 sa.                     |
| Waterboats                     | \$124 b.                      |
| Watsons                        | (old) \$223 (new) \$134 b.    |
| Hongkong Electric              | \$453 sa.                     |
| China Lights (combined)        | \$251 b. \$251 sa.            |
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## P. AND O. STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## VISCONT INCHCAPE ON THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK AND TRADE.

Viscount Inchcape, the company's chairman, presided on December 10th at the 5th annual general meeting of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. The report and accounts having been taken as read, his Lordship said that after setting aside £249,130 for redemption of the 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent. debentures, and writing off the discount and cost (£130,711 ss. 6d.) of the 3 per cent. debenture issue, they were able to recommend the same dividend as last year, and to carry forward £101,033 13s. 8d. These results were not derived from working profits, but from the company's investments and other sources, such as dividends from their allied lines.

The insurance fund which had suffered heavy losses had increased by only £15,081, and several claims were still outstanding against the year's premiums. Since the fund was started seven years ago the premium had exceeded claims by £1,019,901 10s. 2d. With 427 ships at sea covered by the fund they could not expect to run free of accident every year.

## COMPETITION BY STATE-OWNED SHIPS.

Twelve months ago he had said that with few exceptions the earnings of every voyage had fallen short of disbursements, and that he feared some years must elapse before we got back to pre-war conditions. The same remark applied to day. While crop prospects in Australia and India were hopeful, there was no indication of a rise in freights, and the war in China was seriously affecting their trade with that country. During the war our Government built a great many steamers. Very wisely as soon as the war was over they got rid of them, and at high prices, for trade was booming. Not so wise were Canada, America, Australia, Brazil, and Portugal, which held on to their state-owned steamers. These had been competing with privately-owned vessels the world over, with the result that these countries had lost millions of pounds, which had to be made good by the taxpayer. Some of these governments were now attempting to dispose of their ships, but the vessels, if sold, would not realise one-fourth of their cost. In saying this he was not exaggerating. He recently bought for about £80,000 two steamers which had cost a certain government no less than £200,000 only four years ago, and heaven only knew how much more they had cost in the interval. It was, he continued, not the interval of public servant or government department, but the management of great international enterprises, such as shipping. He would like to quote a trenchant speech which he heard Lord Birkenhead make in the House of Lords a few months ago: "You cannot master the business system of this country in the cloisters of Oxford, and suddenly take up and deal with a most complex organisation, which has developed and grown up with centuries of our life. You can no more become an adequate and intelligent reformer in this respect than you can at the age of fifty or fifty-five go suddenly into the practice of law or medicine. The whole business is one of the most extraordinary nicety and complexity, and to attempt to deal with it without the advantage of most careful preparation is to invite a sure and certain failure." Lord Birkenhead's axiom was, he thought, illustrative of the fallacy of any government embarking on shipping or business of any kind. Such businesses were built up by men who had been trained for and had devoted themselves to commerce. It would, he believed, have paid the ship-owning governments to have sunk their ships rather than to have kept them running during the last four years. When governments had rid themselves of the incubus of state-owned vessels the public might see a moderate return to prosperity in the shipping industry. Meantime, the shipbuilding yards of Great Britain would have many empty berths, with resulting lack of employment, but shipowners would not go on building ships unless they could expect a reasonable margin of profit. Governments would be better off, instead of competing with private enterprise, they took a share of business profits in the form of income-tax. If they continued to run ships, they would fail commercially, and, to make good their losses, would have recourse to additional taxation. He had, he continued, heard a good deal lately of a proposal to build six 50,000-ton steamers to carry only passengers, mails, chilled meat and fruit between England and Australia, a proposal in which the Commonwealth Government had been invited to assist financially. Application had also been made to the Trade Facilities Committee for public money to finance the project. It was said that £20,000,000 would have to be put into the venture. Such proposals had been hardly annual for 25 years. Let the promoters, he said, go to the public for the money; he doubted if they would get it, and if they got it he doubted whether the subscribers would ever see any interest on their investment. It was much more likely that the principal would vanish. In his opinion, the whole idea was doomed to failure. In his (the speaker's) opinion—he might, he said, be wrong—it would be sounder to leave the public to subscribe any money required to develop the industry.

## BUILDING AND OPERATING COSTS.

Shipbuilding costs were still from 60 to 70 per cent. above the pre-war level, mainly through high wages and low output in the shipbuilding and contributory trades, while overhead charges in yards not fully employed were a serious cost factor. Continuing, he quoted figures taken from British and foreign tenders for railway material, to illustrate the difficulty of British manufacturers had against Continental manufacturers in competing for orders for their workpeople. For wheels and axles, the highest British and Continental tenders were respectively, British, £1,950; Continental, £200. The lowest tenders: British, £220; Continental, £575. For steel tyres for locomotives, the highest tenders were: British, £1,950; Continental, £1,501; the lowest British tender was £1,501; Continental, £1,119. For steel springs, the highest tenders were: British, £2,040; Continental, £1,706; the lowest, British, £1,463; Continental, £275. The lowest tenders for locomotive boilers were: British, £24,601; Continental, £24,605. These samples, he said, could be multiplied. The current f.o.b. quotations for English bar-iron were £23 2s. 6d. to 25 10s. 6d., against, for Continental bar-iron, £23 10s. to £25 12s. 6d. He believed, however, that Continental prices were rising as Continental firms found they were working at a serious loss. In London and the outports used by the P. & O., the cost of loading and discharging showed a percentage increase of about 131 per cent. over pre-war charges; in Antwerp it was a little over 40 per cent. Port dues in London had advanced 63 per cent., their cost now cost 80 per cent. to 90 per cent. more than in pre-war days. These increases had resulted from the higher cost of labour. Production costs must be reduced in order that our export trade might revive.

## THE BOYCOTT IN AUSTRALIA.

An extraordinary state of affairs had, he continued, lately arisen in Australia. From what they could gather, a Bureau was some time ago set up in Sydney for the enrolment of ex-Service men as waterside workers. Recently the Labour Union had objected to members of the Bureau being employed who were not also members of the Union. The son of a pany's steamer *Malaga*, which had been partly loaded by Bureau men in Sydney, was declared "black" on arrival in Melbourne and could get no cargo. On reaching Adelaide she was there also declared "black," and could get no cargo. They had been informed she would get no pilot or tug at Fremantle, and would be unable to embark mails, so she was sent into Albany, where she picked up the mails, but she refused the service of tug; and passengers had to be embarked in the ship's boats. She was now on her way home, practically without cargo. Several other steamers were in the same predicament, although they had not worked cargo by Bureau labour. One steamer, outward bound, was not allowed to get a pilot at Fremantle, and when she came alongside in charge of the captain her hawsers were cast adrift and she had to anchor in the stream. A steamer, chartered by the Australasian Commonwealth Line (Government owned), to take cargo from Great Britain to Australia had been tied up three or four weeks in Fremantle with all her cargo on board, because her crew were not being paid the Australian rate of wages and the Government had chartered this vessel and laid up some of their own ships because they could not run them except at a heavy loss. The position was almost inconceivable. They were between the devil and the deep sea, and apparently law and order in the Australian trade did not exist. He had, he continued, implicit faith in Mr. Bruce, the Prime Minister of Australia, to protect his country from what was more or less Bolshevism, and to save her trade from such paralysis.

During the six years in which the Maritime Board, by which sea-going wages were fixed, had been in operation the trade had been free from strikes. The relations between shipowners, seafaring men and the men's leaders, most cordial. Although in anticipation of improved freights, wages about were some months ago advanced, there were few vessels which even yet were making ends meet in their earnings and disbursements.

## THE MAIL SERVICE.

Their mail service had been carried on satisfactorily, but not without difficulty. Until they got possession of the ships now building, they would not reach the efficiency as which they had always aimed. The delivery of these ships would enable them to revert to the full schedule on all the Company's lines. Last year they carried 700,000 tons of mails, equal to nearly 700,000 tons of space, an increase in 10 years of about 100 per cent. of mail matter. This increase, to a great extent, had resulted from the development of the parcel post which, even with a limit of 11 lbs. per parcel, greatly affected the Company's freight traffic. In the resumption of the fortnightly mail service to and from Australia the directors, looking for additional sources of revenue, had instituted regular calls at Algiers and Port Sudan.

Three hundred and sixty-one members of the sea and land staffs—253 of the P. & O., and 108 of the British India Companies—gave their lives during the Great War. To commemorate the service they rendered to their country, a permanent memorial had been placed at the entrance to the Board Room.

The Conservatives having taken up the reins, he trusted we might have a stable government for a lengthened period. Pledges given by the leader of the party not to interfere in trade were sufficient to inspire confidence of the business community. The minds of a certain section of the Conservative Party might still lean towards Protection, but the country had pronounced against this a year ago, and the decision had been accepted by Mr. Baldwin. The country had now given its verdict as to whether the nation was to carry on with its constitutional monarchy—God Save the King—or whether the whole fabric of society was to be demolished. In Russia, under Bolshevism, murder was rampant, property confiscated, family and moral life destroyed, and the teachings of the Christian religion were being annihilated. He did not believe there were two people in four hundred thousand of our population who wished to see their native land reduced to this condition. He believed that not for five years, not for five hundred years, should we have any Bolshevism in Great Britain. The people would have nothing to do it.

## THE YEAR'S PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

Although cargo had been scarce and freight rates low, passenger traffic had been well maintained. It could not speak too highly of the devotion and zeal of their agents, their shore establishments, engineers, pursers and pursers' staff, to whom the Board were indebted for the P. & O. Company's popularity with passengers. Any complaint was inquired into with a view to improvement, and every letter of thanks was, he said, sent to the Captain for his information, and that of those below him. In the vessels now under construction to take the place of those destroyed by enemy action, they were avoiding extravagance in the way of decoration; but every care was being bestowed on the arrangements for the convenience and comfort of the travelling public. This was a matter of great interest to their technical staff and to all of those who were concerned in the success of the new ships; an interest which was shared by his wife and his daughter, Elsie, whose suggestions were of value. Lady Inchcape and he went, he said, going with their technical advisers to Belfast the next week to go through the arrangements on board the *Reynard*. During the year the number of steamers in commission of the P. & O. and allied lines was 445; number of sea miles run, 18,892,688; number of entries into port, 28,772; tons of cargo carried, 14,470,267; number of animals carried, 222,297; number of passengers carried, 1,883,027; average daily number of crew employed, 37,027; expenditure in wages and victualling of crews per annum, £5,127,000.

## THE TREATY WITH GERMANY.

The Commercial Treaty with Germany negotiated by the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, signed on behalf of the British and German Governments within the last few days, and which would shortly come up for ratification by Parliament, was, he said, the most important step yet taken towards a renewal of our trade with the world. If he might venture to say so, the time had now come when the hatchet had to be buried. Germany was now expiating as far as she could the horrible outrage perpetrated by Prussian militarism; and it was important to resume friendly commercial relations with her, with all the safeguards provided by the Treaty. Our present Government had only been a few weeks in power and already, by their Trade Treaty with Germany they had vindicated the verdict of the country. The denunciation of the proposed Treaty with the Soviet Government, which would have done no more for British commerce with Russia than the Trading Agreement made in 1921, was, he said, all to the good.

## THE COMING YEAR.

With regard to the operations of the year on which they had just entered, many of their voyages were not even now covering expenses. Every economy consistent with efficiency was being effected. Until trade revived they would have considerable anxiety. Their Stock Exchange

investments, taken as a whole, stood in their books at much less than they would realize if sold to-day. Their ships stood at considerably less than cost, after allowing depreciation at 3 per cent. per annum on the original price; their properties all over the world were well written down. Their allied companies were all perfectly sound, although they too, were suffering from the general depression. The Company would, he said, carry on its great work, but if the Board had to recommend a lower dividend for the current year, they, the stockholders, would, he was sure, accept it philosophically.

Continuing, his Lordship said he had always favoured Free Trade, but, now that Protection had had its quietus, at any rate for the time being, by the Prime Minister, he did not know on which side he was except that he was not a Communist, a Socialist or a Bolshevik. But as long as he remained their Chairman he would, with the approval of his colleagues, observe the conservative financial policy which had built up the P. & O. On the other hand, he would continue to adapt what might still be called a liberal policy in marching with the times; and in improving their ships, for the convenience of their passengers and shippers, in large things and in small things.

He had been assailed by the Chamber of Shipping more than once to get the Canal dues reduced, and he was not without hope that a reduction would shortly be announced. Although he had no authority to say so, he hoped the reduction would be 25 gold centimes a ton. The dues would then be Fr. 7.25 as against Fr. 6.25 in 1914. He trusted, if the time continued to improve, that a further reduction might be made before long. As Chairman of the London Committee and Vice-President of the Board, he had never failed to urge that the lower the dues were, the more would traffic be attracted to the Canal. His representations had always been received with the greatest courtesy, and he cordially acknowledged that the President of the Canal Company and its officials, by the high quality of their administration and the manner in which their staff in Egypt discharged their responsibilities both as to the traffic and the improvement of the Canal, left nothing in this respect to be desired. The Canal system and its administration were an object lesson against nationalisation of industry. We betide Great Britain if railways, banks, shipping and other enterprises were handed over to government departments. There would be much weeping and wailing and waiting at the doors—to say nothing of the gnashing of teeth.

## THE STAFF—AN APPRECIATION.

He would, he said, continue to add to the comfort and amenities of all those who spent their lives about in charge of the Company's vessels, from the Captain downwards. Their devoted service and their resource in emergencies were beyond praise. Speaking from experience, both as a subordinate (they were, he said, all subordinate to somebody; some, he would not say all, were subordinate to their wives) and from a long experience of administration, he had never known loyalty and discipline to surpass those which characterised the entire staff, both afloat and ashore, of the P. & O. Company. This, he said, made his work not a task but a real pleasure. They still drew their young officers from the Worcester, under Sir Thomas Sutherland's scheme, and in Captain Sayer (H.M.S. Worcester) they had an admirable disciplinarian and instructor. The young officers were highly spoken of by their commanders; and the Company's former Captain Angus, the Company's former Medical Inspector, who was with them to-day, put them through a crucial examination before passing them for the service.

He had made a voyage to Ceylon by the new steamer *Malaga* last winter and came back by the *Malaga*. Everything on board went like clockwork, and the vessels, were kept like yachts in the winter one wanted to get away from the winter at home he could do nothing better than take a run out from Marseilles to Colombo by P. & O., spend ten days in the charming island of Ceylon, with its delightful climate of Neutralia, and get back to Marseilles after having been absent less than six weeks. If he backed a winner at the Neutralia races at five hundred to one—as he, the speaker, had been credited with doing—he could have had a trip for nothing and something in hand which, as they all knew, he could double with ease at Monte Carlo on his way home.

The Board had nominated as Director the Right Honourable Viscount Churchill, who, as Chairman of one of our greatest, most up-to-date and best managed railways, the Great Western, had had a long experience of affairs. If his appointment were confirmed, as he was sure it would be, they would have in him not only a most valuable but a most agreeable colleague.

He wished to express their great regret at the death of Mr. W. F. Courthope, who had served as auditor with great ability for twenty years. He was a member of the firm of Williams Deacon & Company, and, following tradition, they suggested Sir Robert Williams of the same banking firm to fill Mr. Courthope's place. Mr. F. A. White, whose services as auditor they had had for nearly 25 years, also came before them for re-election to-day, and, he would, he hoped, for many more years. In conclusion, he said that if he had trodden on anyone's toes in his remarks on general topics he hoped he would be forgiven.

The Chairman then moved adoption of the report and accounts, which was seconded by Mr. H. N. GLADSTONE.

The motion was carried unanimously, the dividend recommended was declared, and the Rt. Hon. Viscount Churchill, G.C.V.O., was elected a Director.

Mr. Frederick Augustus White was re-appointed an auditor of the Company, and Col. Sir Robert Williams, Bart., was appointed an auditor in the place of the late William F. Courthope.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, directors and staff, proposed by Sir C. Stewart-Wilson, K.C.I.E., brought the meeting to a close.



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746 Ng Tai Ping, Wah Yan School.  
705 Loh Meng Choon, Diocesan Boys' School.

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SCHOLARSHIP.

No. 603 Chang Lu Man, Queen's College.  
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1. For Government British Schools.  
793 Margaret Wheller (Miss), Central British School.  
2. For other schools.  
683 Jose Alberto Victor, St. Joseph's College.

1. For Government British Schools.  
Not awarded.  
2. For other schools.  
433 Mary Soriano (Miss), French Convent.

## MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

SUPPLEMENTARY HONOURS LIST.  
No. 793 Miss Kwok Yik Ming (dist. English), Italian Convent.  
650 Denis Nguyen Hen Binh (dist. French and trigonometry), St. Joseph's College.  
671 Lau Kai (dist. Chinese and mechanics), St. Joseph's College.  
746 Ng Tai Ping (dist. Chinese), Wah Yan School.

The following candidate has qualified to enter the Faculty of Medicine:  
No. 793 Xien Kho Khong Kha, private study.

## JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION.

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6 Chan Tit Man (dist. arithmetic, Chinese and mathematics), Queen's College.

10 Chan Yee Kom, Queen's College.  
11 Chan Shui Ki, Queen's College.  
12 Chan Wing Kwai, Queen's College.  
13 Chin Yau Shing, Queen's College.  
14 Wong Yan Lau, Queen's College.

15 Ho Koo Kit (dist. mathematics), Queen's College.  
16 Hui Hui Tat, Queen's College.  
17 Hui Wai Pan (dist. arithmetic), Queen's College.

18 Ip Kai In, Queen's College.  
19 Kwok Ho Lun (dist. mathematics), Queen's College.  
20 Kwok Yuk Lun (dist. arithmetic and mathematics), Queen's College.

21 Kwong Sik Kwong (dist. arithmetic, physics and mathematics), Queen's College.  
22 Lam Ka Man (dist. mathematics), Queen's College.

23 Lee Pui Tong (dist. mathematics), Queen's College.  
24 Lee Shu Sun, Queen's College.  
25 Li Ka Yui, Queen's College.

26 Li Yung Yam (dist. arithmetic and mathematics), Queen's College.  
27 Lo Chi Chiu (dist. arithmetic and mathematics), Queen's College.  
28 Lo Cho Chi (dist. history and mathematics), Queen's College.

29 Mak Kai Chan (dist. arithmetic and mathematics), Queen's College.  
30 Mak Kai Hung (dist. arithmetic and mathematics), Queen's College.  
31 Mok Chak Lam (dist. arithmetic and mathematics), Queen's College.

32 Mok Kam Man (dist. arithmetic), Queen's College.  
33 Ng Sik Kwong, Queen's College.  
34 Pang Tak Ling, Queen's College.

35 Poon King Wong, Queen's College.  
36 Singh, Mit (dist. Urdu), Queen's College.  
37 Siu Pui Wang, Queen's College.

38 So Sze Ho, Queen's College.  
39 Sung Ying Wa (dist. arithmetic), Queen's College.  
40 Tam Yan Kwong, Queen's College.

41 To Kai Huen, Queen's College.  
42 Tong Fu Sam, Queen's College.  
43 Tong Wai Li (dist. arithmetic, geography and maths), Queen's College.

44 Tsang Hui Fung (dist. arithmetic, geography and maths), Queen's College.  
45 Tso Po Shum (dist. arithmetic and mathematics), Queen's College.

46 Wong Ka Tsun, Queen's College.  
47 Wong Wing Nin (dist. arithmetic), Queen's College.  
48 Wu Chi Pa, Queen's College.

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133 Xavier, Louis Augusto, St. Joseph's College.  
134 Broadbridge, Frederick, Diocesan Boys' School.

135 Cheong Ewe Sing, Diocesan Boys' School.  
136 Chiu Sik Yee, Diocesan Boys' School.

137 Kwan Cho Yiu (dist. mathematics), Diocesan Boys' School.  
138 Leo, Edward, Diocesan Boys' School.

139 Lee Hon Sang (dist. arithmetic and maths), Diocesan Boys' School.  
140 Pau, John (dist. physics and arithmetic), Diocesan Boys' School.

141 Randall, Albert, Diocesan Boys' School.  
142 Reed, Arthur A. (dist. geography, history and mechanics), Diocesan Boys' School.

143 White, Edmund H. P., Diocesan Boys' School.  
144 Wongtafe, Eric (dist. arithmetic, mathematics and mechanics), Diocesan Boys' School.

145 Yuen Tat Cho (dist. mathematics), Diocesan Boys' School.  
146 Yeung, William (dist. Spanish), Diocesan Boys' School.

147 Chan Fung Kee (dist. English, arithmetic and Biblical knowledge), St. Paul's College.  
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156 Tang Man Tuen, St. Paul's College.

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164 Fung Hunz Cho, Wah Yan School.

165 Hau Man On (dist. arithmetic), Wah Yan School.  
166 Ho Ping Ki, Wah Yan School.

167 Ko Wing Hong (dist. arithmetic), Wah Yan School.  
168 Mak Man Cheung, Wah Yan School.

169 Siew Sui Chan, Wah Yan School.  
170 Sung Pak Ping, Wah Yan School.

171 Tam Mung Ying, Wah Yan School.  
172 Wai Cheuk, Wah Yan School.

173 Wong Pik Chan, Wah Yan School.  
174 Chiu Lai Man (dist. arithmetic), Ying Wah College.

175 Lam Tak Kwan, Ying Wah College.  
176 Ng Chi Ngo, Ying Wah College.

177 Ng Tze Chun, Ying Wah College.  
178 Sung Shou Tin (dist. physics and mathematics), Ying Wah College.

179 Wan Yew Hing, Ying Wah College.  
180 Yung Kai Yiu (dist. arithmetic and history), Ying Wah College.

181 Chun Wai Ying, St. Stephen's College.  
182 Chau Chik Nin, St. Stephen's College.

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184 Go Kay Sin (dist. arithmetic), St. Stephen's College.

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188 Lee Hua Kek, St. Stephen's College.

189 Lee Hua Tshai (dist. mathematics), St. Stephen's College.  
190 Leong Kam Long (dist. arithmetic), St. Stephen's College.

191 Li Ching Wa, St. Stephen's College.  
192 Lim Seow Chuan, St. Stephen's College.

193 Tan Swan Tjiang, St. Stephen's College.  
194 The Hauw Geng (dist. arithmetic, physics and Biblical knowledge), St. Stephen's College.

195 Tseng Wah Chun, St. Stephen's College.  
196 Tseng Wah Loe, St. Stephen's College.

197 Yap Tjong Hie, St. Stephen's College.  
198 Chan Shin Tong, Ching Ngo College.

199 Lau Shing, Diocesan School.  
200 Lee Ping Yuen, Educational Institute.

201 Wai Man Lok (dist. arithmetic), Educational Institute.  
202 Liu Yan Tak, Tutorial Institute.

203 Hirst, James John, Central British School.  
204 Maycock, John H. (dist. mathematics and drawing), Central British School.

205 Whiteley, Thomas S. D., Central British School.  
206 Williams, Samuel Edward, Central British School.

207 Witherell, Robert G., Central British School.  
208 Lim Chak Pui, private study.

209 Lim Chi Shih, private study.  
210 Tran Ngoc Lun (dist. French), private study.

211 Khor, Siew Boon, James (dist. geography and Biblical knowledge), St. Joseph's College.

212 Mok Yik Jun (dist. arithmetic, mathematics and Biblical knowledge), St. Joseph's College.

213 Po Teng Chui, Henry, St. Joseph's College.  
214 Peres, Jose Lima, St. Joseph's College.

215 Razaek, Dawood Moosa, St. Joseph's College.  
216 Remedios, Alberto, St. Joseph's College.

217 Remedios, Peter Francis, St. Joseph's College.  
218 Raleh, Salleh Rubjub, St. Joseph's College.

219 Souza, George (dist. arithmetic), St. Joseph's College.  
220 Tang Sze Yiu, Joseph (dist. arithmetic), St. Joseph's College.

221 Wong Chow Ding, St. Joseph's College.  
222 Wong, Frederick Victor (dist. arithmetic), St. Joseph's College.

## DISPUTE OVER CONTRACT.

CHINESE FIRM CLAIMS \$237.25.

A dispute over the laying of pipes was heard before Mr. Justice Gumpertz in the Summary Court yesterday, when the Kwong Shun Fat firm claimed from Ching Sing and Leung Hung Kit \$237.25 for work done and materials supplied.

The first defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who stated that first of all the contract came to his client through Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., and he transferred it to the second defendant, who employed the plaintiff firm. It now appeared that the second man had absconded without paying the man he employed.

The managing director of the plaintiff firm said that when he asked either of the defendants for the money he was referred to the other.

His Lordship gave judgment for first defendant, and the case against the man who had absconded was adjourned as service of writ could not be proved.

## MASTER EMIL DANENBERG.

CONCERT AT THE CITY HALL.

Following a most successful tour in the Philippines the seven-year old pianist, Master Emil Danenberg, gave a concert last night in the City Hall, which was attended by a large number of local music lovers.

The juvenile musical prodigy astonished and delighted the audience with numerous numbers and was warmly applauded.

Master Danenberg was assisted by Mrs. D. J. Brown (vocalist) and his father, Professor Danenberg, in two pianoforte selections.

The programme was as follows:—  
2 Pianos.—Le Marin (Chaminade) and Gavotte (Jules Ten Brinke)—Master Emil Danenberg and Prof. Danenberg.

Oxer Minuet (Haydn) Tocatta (Pavane) Sonata op. 4 No. 2 (Andante and Scherzo Finale) (Beethoven)—Master Emil Danenberg.

Song, Mrs. D. J. Brown.  
The Swallows (Gurlitt), Nocturne in A (Field), Valse in B minor (Chopin)—Master Emil Danenberg.

2 Pianos.—Neapolitana (Tarantella), Luck)—Master Emil Danenberg and Prof. Danenberg.

2 Pianos.—Scherzo (Molan Guerault)—Master Emil Danenberg and Professor Danenberg.

Variations on a Sicilian Air (Spindler), Serenade Italiana (Staeb), Murrur-ris, Brook (Poldini)—Master Emil Danenberg.

Song, Mrs. D. J. Brown.  
Danse de Puck (Greig), Song of the East (Cyril Scott), Chinese Mandarin (Walter Niemann), Gollwitzer's Cake Walk (Debussy)—Master Emil Danenberg.

2 Pianos.—Arabesque in E (Debussy), Imperatrice des Pagodes (Ravel), La Serillana (Chaminade)—Master Emil Danenberg and Prof. Danenberg.

## REVENUE OFFICERS' FIND.

AUTOMATICS AND CARTRIDGES IN CLIPS.

When Revenue Officers were walking along the Praya, near the Steamboat Co.'s Macao Wharf yesterday morning, they observed someone throw a bag into the Harbour from a sampan.

The three persons on the sampan were arrested, and when the bag was recovered it was found that it contained eight Mauser pistols, and 500 rounds of ammunition, in clips.

By this it was suspected that the rounds were for immediate use, and that a coup was planned.

417 Kew, Winifred (dist. needlework), Diocesan Girls' School.  
418 Remedios, Vanda E., Diocesan Girls' School.

419 Silva, Marie A., Diocesan Girls' School.  
420 Spalding, Diocesan Girls' School.

421 Thornburn, Janet M. (dist. needlework), Diocesan Girls' School.  
422 Julyan, Gertrude (dist. stenography), French Convent.

423 Lam, Julia (dist. needlework), French Convent.  
424 Soriano, Mary (dist. Biblical knowledge), French Convent.

425 Woo, Violet (dist. needlework), French Convent.  
426 Alves, Marie Machado (dist. needlework), Italian Convent.

427 Choa, Angelina, Italian Convent.  
428 Dick Lai Chun (dist. needlework), Italian Convent.

429 Dillon, Doris, Italian Convent.  
430 Elarte, Remigia, Italian Convent.

431 Franco, Ines (dist. needlework), Italian Convent.  
432 Ho Fung Chiu (dist. needlework), Italian Convent.

433 Hui Lai Ying, Italian Convent.  
434 King, Olga, Italian Convent.

435 Kotewall, Mary, Italian Convent.  
436 Leonard, Eileen, Italian Convent.

437 Lopes, Maria, Italian Convent.  
438 May, Thelma (dist. needlework), Italian Convent.

439 Rumsjohn, Rosie (dist. Biblical knowledge), Italian Convent.  
440 Stoppa, Josephine (dist. needlework), Italian Convent.

441 Xavier, Estelita (dist. needlework), Italian Convent.  
442 Gill, Celeste (dist. needlework), St. Mary's School.

443 Mary's School.  
444 Gutierrez, Bellarmina (dist. needlework), St. Mary's School.

445 Cheng Hung Yue, St. Stephen's Girls' College.  
446 Ip Yuk Ying, St. Stephen's Girls' College.

447 Ma, Amy, St. Stephen's Girls' College.  
448 Tang Hui Fun, St. Stephen's Girls' College.

449 Wong, Clara (dist. music), St. Stephen's Girls' College.  
450 Liang Yee Sung, Tutorial Institute.

## MALE VOICE CHOIR.

CONCERT AT CATHEDRAL HALL.

The Cathedral Hall was well filled last night for a concert given by the Hongkong Male Voice Choir, and the large audience spent a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The choir was under the capable conductorship of Mr. Stanley Collett. The accompanists were as follows:—Mrs. Stanley Collett, Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., and Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

The programme was as follows:—  
Part Song—"The Beleguered" (Arthur Sullivan).

Song—"I Heard You Singing" (Eric Coates).  
Duet and Chorus—"Miserere" from "Il Trovatore" (Verdi).

Leonora: Mrs. STANLEY COLLETT.  
Mancos: Mr. H. G. ANNIS.  
Violin Solo—"Nell Gwrae" (Edward German).

Three Dances from "Nell Gwrae" (Edward German).  
Mr. W. C. ADAMS, R.N.

Part Songs—  
(a) "O Peaceful Night" (Edward German).  
(b) "Departure" (Franz Abt).

Humorous Monologue—"Mr. G. W. C. BURNETT."  
Part Songs—  
(a) "The Midnight Guard" (A. E. M. Gentry).

(b) "Rolling down to R." (Edward German).  
Part Song—"Choric Measure" (Ethel Boyce).

Song—"Light, My Light" (Landon Ronald).  
Mrs. A. M. BOWES-SMITH.

Part Song—"An Evening's Pastoral" (Wilfred Shaw).  
Humorous Monologue—"Mr. G. W. C. BURNETT."

Part Songs—  
(a) "It's Oh! to be a Wild Wind" (Edward Elgar).  
(b) "Song of the Jolly Roger" (C. F. Chudleigh Candish).

Violin Solo—"Selection from 'The Gondoliers'" (Arthur Sullivan).  
Mr. W. C. ADAMS, R.N.

Part Song—"The Long Day Closes" (Arthur Sullivan).  
The choir comprised Messrs. Anais, Best, Ellis, Osborne, West, Brightman, Gill, Griffiths, Jefford, Reed, Worth, Foster, Hartfield, Paul, Shepherd, Short, Stevenson, Taylor, Curwood, Dewhurst, Hellwell, Jinnam, Matthews, Rundle, and Vint.

## HONGKONG TRADE IN 1924.

RAW SUGAR MARKET.

The trend of prices during the year under review has been in a downward direction practically throughout, closing values at end of December being about the lowest. The chief cause is to be found in enormous increase in Beet Sugar production over the previous year, such increase being in the vicinity of 2,000,000 tons.

The World's supply for 1924 compares with that of 1924 as follows:—  
Tons.  
European Beets, 1923-24..... 5,037,761

Estimated European Beets, 1924-25..... 7,143,000  
The principal increases have occurred in Russia, Czechoslovakia and Italy.

Cane Sugar cultivation also shows increase. Following are the comparative figures:—  
1923-24..... 13,837,310  
1924-25..... 14,226,500

British India only points to a decrease (about 366,000 tons).  
Grand total cane and beet 1923-24..... 19,098,888  
Grand total cane and beet 1924-25..... 22,082,200

Estimated increase in world's production..... 2,383,312  
The fact that prices have decreased some 40 per cent. during the year 1924 should stimulate consumption and somewhat offset the large surplus of sugar now becoming available in the world's markets.

The following are the approximate average monthly prices of Java raw sugars in the Hongkong market during the year 1924:—  
Whites. Browns.  
Per cwt. Per cwt.

January..... \$15.00 \$14.60  
February..... 15.00 14.85  
March..... 14.30 14.00

April..... 13.20 12.80  
May..... 12.00 11.80  
June..... 11.70 11.00

July..... 11.60 10.35  
August..... 10.85 10.10  
September..... 10.35 9.75

October..... 10.00 9.75  
November..... 9.60 9.30  
December..... 9.60 9.30

The total imports of sugar, from foreign ports to Hongkong for 1924 approximate 200,000 tons, exclusive of refineries imports. Actual figures are not yet available.

Stocks in Hongkong at December 31st, 1924, approximate:—  
Baga. Tons.  
Superior white sugar 284,000 say 23,400  
Fine white sugar..... 65,000 " 6,500

Brown sugar..... 45,000 " 4,500  
Molasses sugar..... 71,000 " 7,100

K.C.C. DANCE.  
A highly enjoyable dance, organized by the Kowloon Cricket Club, was held at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden last night, when over 250 members and their friends danced to the music of the Hotel orchestra. The Club intends to make these dances a monthly fixture.

BOTH FOR QUALITY AND VARIETY  
YOU WILL BE PLEASED WITH  
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|                       |                 |        |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| CUSTARD CREAMS        | per No. 1 tin   | \$1.50 |
| BOURBON               | "               | 1.50   |
| CREAM HORNS           | per special tin | 1.20   |
| ORANGE & LEMON CREAMS | "               | 1.40   |
| ASSORTED              | "               | —      |
| FANCY CASTLE TINS     | Each            | .75    |
| CHOCOLATE BISCUITS    | per special tin | 1.50   |
| CREAM BRAZIL          | per No. 1 tin   | 1.20   |
| BIG GAME              | "               | 1.46   |
| OSWEGO                | "               | 1.10   |
| COMBINATION           | "               | 1.10   |
| PUNCH & JUDY          | "               | .95    |
| NOAH ARK              | "               | .90    |
| MARIE                 | "               | 1.00   |
| THIN ARROWROOT        | "               | .95    |
| SHORTCAKE             | "               | 1.30   |
| PETIT BEURRE          | per No. 2 tin   | 1.70   |
| "                     | per No. 1 tin   | 1.00   |
| "                     | per No. 2 tin   | 1.35   |
| NICE                  | per No. 1 tin   | 1.10   |
| "                     | per No. 2 tin   | 2.10   |
| GINGER NUTS           | per No. 1 tin   | 1.10   |

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

**HONGKONG DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING & SAVINGS SOCIETY, LTD.**  
NOTICE OF ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th JANUARY, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the period from the 28th December, 1923, to the 30th September, 1924, and also for election of Directors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on the 13th January to 17th January, 1925, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,  
EDWARD B. RAYMOND,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1925. [1708]

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

COMPANIES (WINDING UP) No. 2 of 1924.  
Re THE HONGKONG CANTON AND WEST RIVER TUG AND LIGHTER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NO Resolutions having been passed at the Meetings of Creditors and Contributors summoned in accordance with the provisions of Rule 44 under the provisions of Ordinance No. 38 of 1911, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Honour the Chief Justice will hear an application to appoint the Official Receiver as Liquidator at 10.30 o'clock in the Forenoon on SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY, in Chambers.

Dated the 8th day of January, 1925.  
Sd. C. D. MORTIMER,  
Official Receiver.  
[1707]

## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT is hereby notified that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRIES," will be received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 12th day of JANUARY, 1925, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and Kowloon, for a period ending 31st December, 1925, or, as an alternative, for a period ending 31st December, 1926.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each Quarry, as a pledge of the bond of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his Tender and comply with the Conditions hereinafter contained, should the Tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or lowest Tender.

Forms of Tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

## PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

| Quarry Lot No.      | Approximate Area in Acres. | Upset Annual Rent. | Deposit with Tender. |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Shaukiwan Lot No. 1 | 37.00                      | \$5,500.00         | \$500.00             |
| Shaukiwan Lot No. 2 | 40.25                      | 6,000.00           | 600.00               |
| Kowloon No. 3       | 4.00                       | 1,000.00           | 100.00               |

## S.S. "AMBOISE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, LEB, &c., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 14th instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Saturday, the 17th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 10.00 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, and all Goods must be cleared by them.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

R. RODENFUSSE,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1925. [1704]

## "GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

## THE Motor Vessel

## "GLENSHIEL."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, where delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 14th January, 1925, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of the Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 13th January, 1925, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [1703]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## FOR SALE.

18 H.P. ARMSTRONG-SIDDELEY CAR. First Class Condition. Apply—DEACONS, Hongkong. [1708]

## TO LET.

FULLY FURNISHED, 373, THE PEAK. From 15th MARCH to 1st OCTOBER. Apply by letter only, to: ELDON POTTER, 373, THE PEAK.

## TO LET.

TO LET—One SINGLE ROOMED OFFICE on 1st Floor, No. 14/15, PRINCE STREET. Apply—PROPERTY OFFICE, JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. [1186]

## WANTED.

WANTED TO Purchase Some Second Hand PACKING CASES, Must be Cheap and Sound for Packing Articles to take to England. Please Apply—MR. H. PERCY SMITH, 6, Des Vaux Road Central. [1699]

## FOR SALE.

No. 7, STEWART TERRACE, 270, PEAK.

5 ROOMED HOUSE. Modern Sanitation. Apply—F. A. MACKINTOSH, Mackintosh & Co., Ltd. [1690]

## FOR SALE AT ONCE.

BEST OFFER Possibly Accepted "KELLETT MANOR," being No. 155, Mount KELLETT, and an Excellent STEEL BEAM, left 3 in. by 8 in. by 9 in. Please Apply—MR. H. PERCY SMITH, 6, Des Vaux Road Central. [1700]

## THE HONGKONG TUG &amp; LIGHTER CO., LTD.

## NOTICE OF CALL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD CALL of \$2 per Share on the 100,000 Shares has been made by the Company and that such Call will be Payable to the Company's Bankers, THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong, on or before 10th JANUARY, 1925.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers. [1697]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

## CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

## ATREBS.

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 7th January.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 27th January, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1925. [1695]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## PENINSULAR &amp; ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER

## "DONGOLA."

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 7th JANUARY, 1925.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf as B.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m., on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [1702]

## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

## WRIGHT &amp; COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Interest and Responsibility of Mr. T. W. HOBBS in Our Firm will Cease as and from the 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1924. WRIGHT & COMPANY.  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1924. [1674]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1925.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races Close on SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1925, at 3 p.m., and must be sent to THE SECRETARY, c/o LUNDS & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before THIS DATE. Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the JOCKEY CLUB, STRAITS, RACE COURSE, HONGKONG CLUB, or LINSTEAD & DAVIS. [1622]

## LOWE, BINGHAM &amp; MATTHEWS. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ERNEST FROST-HARDMAN, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a Partner in Our Firm as from 1st JANUARY, 1925.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS  
Hongkong, 8th January, 1925. [1694]

## WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the O.C. R.A.S.C. Headquarters, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 12 o'clock Noon on 20th JANUARY 1925, for the Supply of 2,000 Bags of FLOUR for Delivery between FEBRUARY 1st and MARCH 31st, in One or More Consignments, direct ex ship to the B.A.S.C. Supply Stores, Queen's Road.

Tender Forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Daily, Sundays excepted. [1686]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of January, 1925, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Kau Pui Shek in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of the Lands, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Lot. | Boundary Measurements. | Area in Acres. | Upset Price. |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1           | As per map plan.       | 1.80           | 12,000       |

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Lot. | Boundary Measurements. | Area in Acres. | Upset Price. |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1           | As per map plan.       | 5.50           | 32,000       |

## NORTH-BOUND STEAMERS.

A S. During the North-East Monsoon there is always a possibility of North-bound Steamers Banning Short.

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|                | Duty Paid. | Per Case | Per Bot. |
|----------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Light Dry      | \$35.00    | \$3.00   |          |
| Solera         | 37.00      | 3.10     |          |
| Very Pale Dry  | 38.00      | 3.25     |          |
| Pale Dry Nutty | 40.00      | 3.40     |          |
| Fine Old Brown | 44.00      | 3.75     |          |

## and Fine PORTS

|                 |         |        |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| Invalid         | \$38.00 | \$3.25 |
| Pouro           | 40.00   | 3.40   |
| Old Tawny       | 44.00   | 3.75   |
| Estrella        | 46.00   | 3.90   |
| Very Old Tawny  | 58.00   | 5.00   |
| Oldest & Finest | 61.00   | 5.20   |

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

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## DEATHS.

GREY.—On December 9th, LOUISA ADELINA GREY (ADO), wife of R. W. GREY, late P.W.D., Hongkong, and daughter of the late Major RICHARD GREY.

MACRAE.—At a nursing home, London, GEORGE MACRAE, formerly of Penang and Singapore, aged 59.

TREACHER.—At 119, Cromwell Road, S.W. on December 7th, LADY TREACHER, widow of Sir WILLIAM TREACHER, K.C.M.G.

Hongkong Office: 14, Charter Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 9TH, 1925.

## ANTI-CHRISTIAN AGITATION IN CHINA.

The anti-Christian agitation in certain parts of China that is reported from time to time is unquestionably very intimately related to Soviet propaganda in the country, and though it can hardly be said to have assumed, as yet, the proportions of a serious menace, it is just as well that the official representatives of the Powers in China should take serious notice of the incidents that occur and recognise that they are not of purely local origin, but the sproutings of a wide propaganda. We find no difficulty in agreeing with our Shanghai contemporary when it says that "the present propaganda appears to us to be part of a widespread movement working for the general repudiation of the treaties." That is one of the main-objects of Soviet propaganda in China, and this double aim has been associated with Soviet propaganda from the time that the Soviet agents commenced their activities in China. They have worked especially among the student class, and until a few weeks ago there had been little evidence that the leaven of revolt had worked in any other circles. A little more than two years ago we were hearing a good deal about an "anti-Christian movement" spreading rapidly not only in the Capital of China but in the Central and Mid-China provinces generally. At that time the World's Students' Federation,

a Christian organisation, held a conference at Peking, and a manifestation of hostility to Christianity synchronised or immediately followed this event. Its relation to Bolshevism was shown in the fact that in the pamphlets distributed Christian and Capitalist were used as synonymous terms. The World's Students' Federation was said to have been promoted by "the foreign capitalists who are aiming at the enslavement of China's millions under the guise of Christianity." It was, however, a short-lived agitation, and only recently has it again reared its dragon's head. The disturbance at Changsha, which apparently inspired our Shanghai contemporary's comments, is marked by precisely the same attitude towards the Bible and the foreigner. Hand bills, we read, have been sent all over the province and telegrams to all the Christian schools. Some of the printed matter is "a bitter attack on all Christian education as imperialistic and urges that all Christian schools ought to be closed. The sent of the disturbance at Changsha is the Yale-in-China College where over half the students are on strike and according to the latest news we have "a monster parade and demonstration, 7,000 strong," had been planned for Christmas Day to show the whole city what they are thinking. A missionary at Changsha, we notice, traces the origin of this ebullition to incidents on the football field in a match between the Yale and Boone colleges, but he leaves us to wonder what incidents on a football field could give excuse to "the daily papers" to publish announcements about the "outgrown Bible," or for saying that its teachings are "oppressing the youth of China, and us in particular, and we will not stand it any longer, but must put it all down." We note the statement that the Governor prohibited the parade by "a strong proclamation" and gave the students "good advice," and we hope it had a salutary effect on the young hotheads. "The sentiment has grown rapidly against foreigners and against Christianity," says the missionary. In Canton, also, which has become the home of Bolshevism in China, the anti-Christian movement has recently been coming into prominence. Here again its centre is the Canton University. "Enneagery," however, has been openly given to it by the Bolshevik wing of the Kuomintang, the political party of which Dr. SUN YAT SEN is the official head. Among the speakers at a recent anti-Christian demonstration at this University was Mr. LIAO CHUNG HOI, the ex-Civil Governor of Canton. A Committee of seven members was appointed to organise the anti-Christian campaign and one of the results of this gathering, we take it, was the outrage at the Wesleyan Church at Tsengsha, to which reference is made by our Chinese correspondent to-day. The British Consul-General has demanded the arrest and punishment of the offenders and requested the Canton Government to instruct the police authorities to take the necessary steps to prevent a repetition of such incidents. We hope that this will be done, and that the public authorities in Canton and other parts of China will realise that such incidents, if allowed to go unchecked, are bound to lead to a situation not very dissimilar to that created by the Boxer trouble of 1900.

Mr. Sun Fo, Mayor of Canton, arrived in the Colony from the North on the s.s. *Empress of Russia* yesterday.

Mr. Leopold Treitzsch, the famous violinist and his wife Eugenie, arrived in Hongkong yesterday morning on the s.s. *Empress of Russia*.

A Chinese woman was run into by a motor-lorry at the junction of Coronation and Waterloo Roads, Kowloon, on Wednesday, and died almost instantly.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Albert Spicer, Lady Spicer, and Miss U. Dykes Spicer are passing through the Colony on the P. & O. *Moran*, being booked to Shanghai.

Yesterday being the Queen of Italy's birthday, and there being an Italian warship in harbour, all H.M. ships were dressed and a salute fired in honour of the occasion.

A Wei-hai-wei policeman, whilst asleep in his bunk at the Central Police Station on Wednesday, fell to the ground, and had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Oxford and Cambridge Society was held last night, when a number of prominent Oxonians and Cantabs in the Colony attended.

Among the passengers who arrived by the P. & O. *Moran* yesterday were Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer and three children, and Mr. G. B. Layton.

The death occurred in the Civil Hospital of Mr. R. Cottrell, Chief Officer of the s.s. *Kwang Sui*, who was well-known in the local shipping world. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

Prof. W. A. Giles, LL.D., has just celebrated his 70th birthday. In recognition of the event the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres (Institut de France) appointed him a *correspondant étranger*.

The Master of the s.s. *Empress of Russia* has reported to the Harbour Office that on the trip from Vancouver, a Chinese fireman died from heart failure, and a Chinese stevedore passenger died from narcotic poisoning.

It is reported that six Wei-hai-wei constables, at a Court at Taipei, on charges of obtaining "squeeze" from the inhabitants of a certain village in the New Territories, were all convicted, and sentences ranging from 14 days to six weeks were imposed.

Count de Martel, the newly appointed French Minister to Peking, passed through Hongkong yesterday. Officials of the French Consulate met the Count and Countess who were entertained to luncheon by Mr. and Mme. de Courthial at their residence in Peak Road.

Sir George Gibb, who in early life was a solicitor and later General Manager of the North Eastern Railway, and subsequently Chairman of the Metropolitan District Railway Co. and of the Tube Railways, arrived on the *Moran* yesterday. Sir George is accompanied by Lady Gibb.

Robbers posing as water carriers gained admission to No. 38, Battery Street on Wednesday night at a time when the house was occupied by two women only, and stole money and jewellery of the value of \$425, and also two deposit receipts on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for \$2,000 each.

In connection with the theft of a marble clock, gramophone records and other articles from the residence of Mrs. C. M. Ribeiro, No. 8, Carnarvon Villa, a Chinese appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with being concerned in the robbery. He pleaded guilty, but His Worship adjourned the case on learning the man was a returned banished.

Charged with behaving in a disorderly manner while in a drunken state, a Chinese clerk appeared before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Central Magistracy yesterday. His wife was charged with assaulting two Indian policemen. The woman said she was helping her husband home when the police attacked him, and in defending her husband she struck at the Police. The clerk was fined \$5 and his wife \$10.

A foreigner, Mr. H. Abbott, was knocked down and robbed by footpads on the Nantao Band, Shanghai, last week, says the *Wah Ching*. Mr. Abbott was in Shanghai on business and was about to return to Swatow by the str. *Yingkin* when the ruffians attacked him, and stole from him \$128. The police did not learn of the affair until some time afterwards, Mr. Abbott not having made a complaint until the following day.

An Indian guard of the s.s. *Charles Hardouin* was fined \$1, with the alternative of three days' imprisonment by Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Magistracy yesterday morning, for having taken leave of absence without permission. While the vessel was in Canton. The Master of the *Charles Hardouin* said that the guard was a new man, and testified to his good character. His Worship said that the offence was a serious one, but he would take into consideration the man's good character, and would only impose a small fine.

The death is announced of Capt. Wm. Spratt, R.N. (retired), in his 84th year. He was the son of a naval commander, who, as a midshipman, served with Nelson at Tenerife. Capt. Spratt entered the Navy in 1845, and amongst other service, was acting lieutenant of the *Hermes*, and was repeatedly engaged with pirates in the China sea. On one occasion he narrowly escaped death, being taken prisoner and stripped, in consequence of the boats under his command being captured in the surf while they were endeavouring to capture two piratical junks in How-loo Bay (!).



## CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.  
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## TEST CRICKET.

## AUSTRALIAN TEAM WINS SECOND MATCH.

ENGLAND'S SUDDEN COLLAPSE.

MELBOURNE, January 8th.  
After three-quarters of an hour's play this morning in the second Test Match, Sutcliffe was caught by Gregory off Mailey's bowling (2nd for 7). This was the beginning of the end. Douglas was next to go, being bowled by Mailey (2nd for 8). Gilligan was caught and bowled by Mailey first ball (2nd for 8) and Tate was bowled first ball by Gregory.

England's hopes were thus dashed to the ground in a sudden and dramatic fashion. After the game, there was remarkable enthusiasm. The crowd rushed on to the ground, shook hands with the players and patted them on the back—particularly the Englishmen.

Sutcliffe came in for special attention. He had batted for 8 hours and 19 minutes and hit 12 fours. He gave a masterly exhibition of imperturbable defence. The Governor-General congratulated the winners and complimented the Englishmen on their splendid fight.

Gilligan stated his men were by no means down-hearted. They are brimful of fight and confident of victory next time. "Tell England I will win the toss and the next three matches."

Collins says the match was one of the "greatest fights ever." Winning the toss just about turned the scale.

Full scores follow:

| AUSTRALIA.                            |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1st Innings.                          |     |
| W. Bardsley, c Strudwick, b Gilligan  | 19  |
| H. L. Collins, c Strudwick, b Tate    | 9   |
| Arthur Richardson, run out            | 14  |
| M. Ponsford, b Tate                   | 123 |
| J. M. Taylor, run out                 | 72  |
| Victor Richardson, run out            | 133 |
| C. Kellaway, c Strudwick, b Gilligan  | 32  |
| A. E. Hartkopf, c Chapman, b Gilligan | 80  |
| J. M. Gregory, c Gilligan, b Tate     | 44  |
| W. A. Oldfield, not out               | 39  |
| A. A. Mailey, l.b.w. Douglas          | 1   |
| Extras                                | 24  |
| Total                                 | 600 |

| Bowling Analysis. |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Gilligan          | R. 114. W. 3. |
| Tate              | 142 3         |
| Douglas           | 95 1          |
| Woolley           | 26 0          |
| Hearne            | 69 0          |
| Tyldesley         | 130 0         |

| ENGLAND.                                        |     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1st Innings.                                    |     |
| J. B. Hobbs, b Mailey                           | 154 |
| H. Sutcliffe, b Kellaway                        | 176 |
| F. E. Woolley, b Gregory                        | 0   |
| J. W. Hearne, b Mailey                          | 9   |
| E. Hendren, c Oldfield, b Kellaway              | 32  |
| A. P. F. Chapman, b Gregory                     | 32  |
| J. W. H. T. Douglas, c Collins, b A. Richardson | 5   |
| B. Tyldesley, c Collins, b Gregory              | 5   |
| M. V. Tate, b A. Richardson                     | 34  |
| A. E. R. Gilligan, not out                      | 17  |
| H. Strudwick, b Hartkopf                        | 4   |
| Extras                                          | 12  |
| Total                                           | 479 |

| Bowling Analysis. |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Gregory           | R. 124. W. 3. |
| Kellaway          | 62 2          |
| Mailey            | 130 1         |
| Hartkopf          | 130 1         |
| A. Richardson     | 20 2          |

| AUSTRALIA.                           |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 2nd Innings.                         |     |
| H. L. Collins, b Hearne              | 30  |
| W. Bardsley, l.b.w. Tate             | 2   |
| A. Richardson, b Tate                | 2   |
| M. Ponsford, b Tate                  | 4   |
| J. M. Taylor, b Tate                 | 90  |
| V. Richardson, c Strudwick, b Hearne | 8   |
| C. Kellaway, c and b Hearne          | 17  |
| A. E. Hartkopf, l.b.w. Tate          | 0   |
| J. M. Gregory, not out               | 36  |
| W. H. Oldfield, l.b.w. Hearne        | 38  |
| A. A. Mailey, b Tate                 | 3   |
| Extras                               | 12  |
| Total                                | 250 |

| Bowling Analysis. |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Tate              | R. 99. W. 6. |
| Gilligan          | 40 0         |
| Tyldesley         | 6 0          |
| Hearne            | 84 4         |
| Douglas           | 9 0          |

| ENGLAND.                            |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 2nd Innings.                        |     |
| J. B. Hobbs, l.b.w. Mailey          | 22  |
| H. Sutcliffe, c Gregory, b Mailey   | 127 |
| H. Strudwick, l.b.w. Gregory        | 22  |
| J. W. Hearne, l.b.w. Gregory        | 23  |
| F. E. Woolley, l.b.w. A. Richardson | 50  |
| E. Hendren, b Gregory               | 18  |
| R. Tyldesley, c Ponsford, b Mailey  | 9   |
| J. W. H. T. Douglas, b Mailey       | 14  |
| A. P. F. Chapman, not out           | 4   |
| A. E. R. Gilligan, c and b Mailey   | 0   |
| Tate, b Gregory                     | 10  |
| Extras                              | 10  |
| Total                               | 290 |

| Bowling Analysis. |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Gregory           | R. 87. W. 4. |
| Kellaway          | 42 0         |
| A. Richardson     | 35 1         |
| Mailey            | 92 5         |
| Hartkopf          | 14 0         |
| Collins           | 10 0         |

| FALL OF WICKETS.     |                                       |
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LATEST CABLES.  
INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.  
FINANCE CONFERENCE MEETS IN PARIS.

PARIS, January 8th.

The papers, commenting on the opening of the financial conference, forecast generally difficult discussions, but no conflicts. *Le Petit Journal* estimates the distance between the French and English views is not very wide; and the conciliatory spirit of Mr. Winston Churchill permits hope of agreement.

For *Le Matin* the question is to know whether England will consent to sacrifices about reparations in order to settle the debts' question. — *Havas*.

CLEMENTEL'S ALLEGED PLANS.

PARIS, January 8th.

The Newspapers' comments on the Allied Finance Ministers' Conference suggest that M. Clementel is endeavouring to induce Mr. Winston Churchill to modify the attitude of strict adherence to the Balfour Note, and adopt a more accommodating Note than Lord Curzon's Note of August 11th, 1923, namely a statement of the amount France would still owe if Britain were to deduct from annuities under the Dawes plan her share of 22 per cent.

The papers also declare Mr. Churchill, Col. Logan, and the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Kellogg, discussed a compromise solution of the Anglo-American friction and suggest that if the Bank of England obtains from America a milliard gold dollars in view of equidistributing the Anglo-American exchanges, the British Government will raise no further objections to American claims with regard to reparations; and will adopt a more generous attitude towards her debtors.

EARLIER CABLES.

PARIS, January 7th.

A *communiqué* states that Mr. Winston Churchill and M. Clementel officially exchanged views on the whole question of Inter-Allied debts.

No experts were present. After the Churchill-Clementel interview, the Finance Conference held its first meeting. The proceedings were formal, and were confined to M. Clementel's welcome and Mr. Churchill's reply.

OPTIMISM OF CLEMENTEL.

On the opening of the Inter-Allied Finance Conference, M. Clementel said he was convinced, from his experience, that the conference would reach a unanimous solution of its problems. He emphasised the necessity for fixing the distribution of reparations, as uncertainty hindered the work of the Reparations Commission, also of the Finance Ministers, who did not know how much to credit their budgets under the head of reparations.

He declared that the conference agenda was mostly a matter of detail. There were only three or four dominant problems, which were themselves relatively of secondary importance compared with fundamental agreement reached in London.

CHURCHILL HOPEFUL ALSO.

Mr. Churchill, replying, endorsed M. Clementel's remarks about the limited technical character of the work before them. "Hope flies on wings and in international conferences plod afterwards on the dusty roads, but the conviction exists that progress is being made towards the unity and prosperity of Europe." He declared that nothing would be done which would not tend to show that the conviction was well-founded.

He stated that though the interests of different Allies were conflicting, and each was bound to present its own case, all would remember that indissoluble comradeship was more important than the exact achievement of a particular viewpoint. Doubtless larger issues in the background awaited a decision and agreement but the immediate path would not be encumbered with these. They would so handle the business as to dispense minor obstruction and create a spirit and atmosphere which would bring a solution nearer to the Allies, to Europe and the world.

EARLY SOLUTION NOT LIKELY.

No details have transpired about the Churchill-Clementel talk on inter-Allied debts. British circles are not sanguine of an early solution, and expect the discussions will continue throughout the year.

Mr. Churchill subsequently conversed with Colonel Logan regarding the American claim to reparations. Mr. Churchill, in a *communiqué*, now says that no decision was reached as to actual details, but the prospects of an early settlement are considered favourable.

QUESTION OF COLOGNE.

PROTEST FROM GERMANY.

BERLIN, January 7th.

A German Note to the Allies protests against the decision not to evacuate Cologne, and demands the earliest possible communication of detailed Allied complaints.

It says the Allies could claim the right to postpone evacuation only if Germany were guilty of shortcomings whose importance would correspond with the hardship of an extension of occupation; and insists that Germany has disarmed so completely that she will no longer be a military factor in European affairs.

The Note concludes that the differences of opinion arising over the evacuation treaty, which are the result of one-sided dictation, cannot be interpreted as lack of goodwill on the part of Germany; whereas if the Allies continued to be guided by the spirit of the London Conference a settlement would speedily be reached.

LATEST CABLES.  
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.  
FUNDS NEEDED TO PRESERVE EDIFICE.

LONDON, January 7th.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral have issued an appeal for funds necessary to carry out essential repairs to and preservation of the Cathedral which, according to recent experts' report, will involve an outlay of £140,000.

Some interest in the matter is widely aroused. In fact the City Corporation, a few days ago, served a warning on the Dean, notifying him that the Cathedral is a dangerous structure.

VICTIM TO SCIENCE.

M. DAMALANDER DIES FROM LESIONS.

PARIS, January 8th.

Another French chemist, M. Damaland, has succumbed to lesions caused by experimenting with Röntgen rays. — *Havas*.

EARLIER CABLES.

HUNTING ACCIDENT.

MARQUIS OF SALISBURY'S TRIP TO GENEVA POSTPONED.

LONDON, January 7th.

It is officially announced that the Marquis of Salisbury has been appointed a special delegate from Britain to the Opium Conference at Geneva on January 12th.

The Marquis of Salisbury will not attend at Geneva on January 12th, as he had a fall while hunting in Hertfordshire to-day.

SIR MALCOLM DELEIVINGNE.

Sir Malcolm Delevingne, whose admirable work preceding the conference as the principal British delegate is recognised, will again go to Geneva as a British delegate.

A NEW "EMDEN."

IN MEMORY OF FAMOUS GERMAN RAIDER.

BERLIN, January 7th.

The new German cruiser *Emden*, of six thousand tons, and twenty-nine knots, fifteen centimetre guns, has been launched at Wilhelmshaven.

It is named in memory of the famous cruiser sunk by H.M.A.S. *Sydney* off the Cocos Islands during the war.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE MATCH.

LONDON, January 7th.

In the first division of the Scottish "soccer" League Hamilton drew with Motherwell, one all.

CRICKET IN S. AFRICA.

NORTHERN DISTRICTS DRAW WITH MR. SOL JOEL'S XI.

LADYSMITH, January 7th.

In sultry weather, Mr. Sol Joel's eleven compiled 289, Riddell taking 5 for 55.

The Northern Districts scored 124, Jameson taking 7 for 37, and followed on with 147 for 6, the match being drawn.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.

BIG SHARE DEAL.

NEW YORK SYNDICATE BUYS T. AND T. BONDS.

NEW YORK, January 8th.

A syndicate, headed by Messrs. Morgan & Co., has purchased Five Per Cent. Debenture Bonds, to the value of \$125,000,000, in the Telegraph and Telephone Company.

The proceeds will be devoted to granting loans to associated companies or the acquisition of their securities.

U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT.

SENATOR BORAH DRAWS CURIOUS PARALLEL.

NEW YORK, January 8th.

Senator Borah, in a letter regretting his inability to attend a meeting of the Committee of One Thousand for Law Enforcement, headed by Judge Gary, and Mr. F. D. Rockefeller, Jr., drew a parallel between the alleged activities of foreign nationals with American bootleggers in violation of the Prohibition Law and the Zinoviev Letter. He asked whether the United States was not entitled to say to Britain, as Mr. Austen Chamberlain had substantially told the Soviet: "You either can control your nationals in their effort to break down your policy and plant murder and misery among other peoples or you cannot. It is quite within the power of the British Government instantly to put an end to activities of such moral pirates as would co-operate with criminals in this country to violate the Law and undermine and destroy a great national policy."

U.S. TEXTILE COUNCIL.

REDUCTION OF WAGES NEARLY CAUSES STRIKE.

FALL RIVER, January 8th.

The Textile Council has accepted a 10 per cent. reduction in wages. The Weavers and Mule Spinners' Union voted in favour of a strike; the loom fixers also rejected a reduction, but the carders, slasher tenders and yarn finishers accepted it—the first two under protest.

GUN ELEVATION PROBLEM.

THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED MR. GERRY'S RESOLUTION ASKING MR. HUGHES FOR INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER ANY FOREIGN POWER HAS PROTESTED AGAINST THE GUN ELEVATION ON AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS.

Admitting that the armament race has developed into an armament race, Mr. Weeks has informed the House of Representatives committee investigating the aircraft industry that, although the Army Bill has recommended the record sum of sixteen million dollars, it is insufficient to maintain an adequate air force.

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## POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN.

MUKDEN WAR LORD ANXIOUS ABOUT RED ACTIVITIES.

PEKING, January 8th.

A mandate appoints Marshal Chang Tso Lin Tupan of North Eastern Frontier Defence and the development of waste lands in that region, the officials of which are instructed to obey Chang's orders. Marshal Chang Tso Lin is still in Tientsin, but is expected to start for Mukden tomorrow, accompanied by his Chief of Staff and body-guard.

The remainder of the Fengtien troops are staying in Tientsin until further orders.

According to reports from Tientsin, "Red" activities in Northern Manchuria are causing Chang Tso Lin anxiety and his return to Manchuria is mainly connected with this phase of the situation.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

## ANTI-FOREIGN AGITATION.

PROPAGANDA FOR REPUDIATION OF TREATIES.

SHANGHAI, January 7th.

The *North-China Daily News* gives prominence to an article stating that it is impossible to ignore the fact that there is a serious wave of anti-foreign and anti-Christian feeling sweeping across China. Unless this fact is faced frankly grave results may ensue. Four years ago, foreigners in the interior noted the growth of an anti-foreign feeling, and at intervals since from many different places the same feeling has been reported with growing emphasis.

The article instances the student strikes in Hunan, which took a bitterly anti-Christian turn. Bibles being torn up and scattered over the school grounds, and it states that symptoms closely resembling those of the Boxer year are reported from Shanghai.

The writer attributes the causes of this feeling to the failure of the present rulers, who are attempting to depict the popular wrath from themselves to foreigners, and also to the large growth of Christianity recently and to the Bolshevik poison.

The *North-China Daily News*, in an editorial on the same subject, says that many men, who are not given to exaggerate, express the opinion that an explosion is inevitable shortly. The present propaganda appears to us to be part of a widespread movement working for the general repudiation of the treaties.

The paper asks: "What is the Diplomatic Body doing? Will the storm take them by surprise as it did of 1900? The question is insistent, because the looting of trains, robberies, and treaty violations have shown whether the spirit of political China is tending."

INTENTIONS OF FENG.

GOVERNMENT HOPEFUL HE WILL OBEY.

PEKING, January 7th.

No definite indication of Feng Yu Hsiang's intention has yet been received, although the Government expects his compliance with the recent mandates.

TANG SHAO YI HESITATES.

IT IS AGAIN REPORTED THAT TANG SHAO YI WILL ACCEPT THE PORTFOLIO OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT HE WILL FIRST ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

REGULATIONS FOR "YAMENS"

IT IS STATED THAT THE GAMERS OF THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER WILL BE AT PEKING, WHILE THE CO-DIRECTORS' GAMERS WILL BE AT PAOTOCHEN. THE REGULATIONS GOVERNMENT IN THE LATTER GAMERS ARE BEING DRAFTED.

SUN YUEH IN PEKING.

Sun Yueh arrived here yesterday, accompanied by his Division, which is quartered at Nanyuan, Changshien.

Sun Yueh is faced with giving up his post of Civil Governor of Honan or disbanding his troops, as Hu Ching Yi does not want Sun Yueh's men in Honan, while Li Ching Lin objected to their remaining inside the Chihli border.

It is stated to-day that Sun Yueh will probably be offered the post of Assistant Director of Military Affairs in Chihli.

REHABILITATION PROBLEMS.

The Chinese Press reports that Tuan Chi Ju has sent a special invitation to Feng Yu Hsiang to participate in the Rehabilitation Conference, which Feng Yu Hsiang has declined.

EARLIER CABLES.

## U.S. AIR FORCES.

SUBSIDY FOR COMMERCIAL FLEET POSSIBLE.

NEW YORK, January 7th.

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Mr. Weeks is opposed to unification of the army and navy air services, and has recommended the building up of commercial aviation en route to the point of a subsidy, as the best means of developing an adequate reserve force.

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## LOCAL SPORT.

NAVY BOXING.

GOOD SPORT AT MURRAY BARRACKS.

The annual Novices boxing competitions of the China Fleet were held at Murray Barracks yesterday in the afternoon and evening, and some really good boxing was witnessed by a large gathering of spectators, mainly composed of Servicemen.

The high standard of skill and gameness shown by yesterday's novices bodes well for the quality of the boxing which will be provided next Saturday evening when the Fleet Championships will be contested.

A noteworthy and refreshing feature of yesterday's bouts was their entire freedom from clinching, and the gameness with which several of the competitors took heavy punishment.

The officials were as under:—  
Referee:—Comdr. J. C. Bower, D.S.O. (H.M.S. *Ambrase*) and Lieut. Comdr. E. M. C. Barnacough (1st Submarine Flotilla).

M.C.—Mr. J. Harvey (Gunner, H.M.S. *Halkin*).

Judges:—Lieut. Comdr. C. W. Bower, D.S.O. (H.M.S. *Halkin*), Lieut. R. A. Chidson (1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment), Lieut. L. B. A. Majendie (H.M.S. *Triton*) and Mr. O. Falcher (Gunner, H.M.S. *Halkin*).

Time-keepers:—Lieut. Comdr. W. S. Green (H.M.S. *Durban*) and Mr. G. Roberts (Commissioned Schoolmaster, *Halkin*).

The first bout was a bantam-weight contest between Marine Dubarry (H.M.S. *Halkin*) and Ord. Seaman Harris (H.M.S. *Diomed*), the only two entrants. The former won on points after a good fight, slightly superior science, and greater aggressiveness gaining him the verdict.



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## PLATONIC MARRIAGE!

[BY LADY NOTT-BOWER.]

It sounds like a contradiction in terms!  
A platonic friendship we can all under-  
stand, even if we refuse to believe in it,  
but why should a couple decide to bind  
themselves with the heavy chain of mar-  
riage vows without either of the two  
strong motives that may be held to  
justify them—love that desires perman-  
ence, or the hope of children that de-  
mands permanence?If neither of these reasons exists, why  
marry at all? Why not remain just  
friends, as faithful, intimate and devoted  
as you please, and yet free for that  
other possible relationship of marriage?  
A life-long bond that can never, with  
credit or dignity, be loosened should  
surely be avoided by all who value per-  
sonal freedom, unless there are over-  
whelming reasons in support of it.But the arguments that are advanced  
in favour of platonic marriage are  
singularly unconvincing. I read that  
someone who has tried it for twelve years  
claims that he and his wife were always  
friends, that as lovers they were simply  
not attracted to one another, that they  
were business partners, taking their  
social pleasures together, and that as  
friends they "surpassed the loves of men  
and women, or real husbands and wives."  
It sounds very plausible, but surely it  
sticks in the throats of average every-  
day folk!A TRAVESTY OF MARRIAGE.  
Those who are well acquainted with  
all kindly joys of a happy married life  
may well resent the assertion that some-  
thing less natural yet vastly superior  
has been discovered—by someone who  
lacks the necessary knowledge to make a  
true comparison. And, after all, if there  
is to be no real married relationship  
why drag in the question of marriage at  
all.To-day plenty of men and women are  
business partners. Most of us have  
friends—often very dear friends—of the  
opposite sex. Young men and women in  
every rank of life enjoy all sorts of  
social pleasures together without let or  
hindrance.A generation ago there might have  
been some excuse for such a marriage,  
when the shadow of the chaperone loomed  
big and all social intercourse between  
men and women was viewed askance by  
the suspicious eye of Mrs. Grundy; but  
in these easy-going days reasonable  
people of respectable habits have a very  
large margin of freedom of action.Yet the only definite reason advanced  
for this travesty of marriage is the  
"avoidance of scandal." Is that really  
a sufficient motive for embarking "on a  
farce—which may so easily become a  
tragedy? For, however kindly and affec-  
tionate the tie of such a platonic mar-  
riage might be, one cannot but realise  
that at any moment it might be seriously  
jeopardised if the "real thing" came  
into the life of either party to it.HAPPINESS THAT MIGHT BE.  
Then the friendly bond would become  
an intolerable fetter holding back the  
happiness that might have been; unless,  
indeed, those who embark upon such  
modern marriages do not intend them  
to exclude something more than friendship  
in other directions; but prefer that, re-  
versing the usual order of things, in  
everyday life, the business relationship  
should be permanent and the other re-  
lationship temporary.But such ideas, though they  
occasionally find plausible advocates in  
"advanced" fiction, do not seriously  
commend themselves to ordinary healthy-  
minded men and women.It is sometimes argued that this is be-  
cause the majority are not only intensely  
conservative in habit, but also definitely  
so "bourgeois" in spirit that they  
shrink from any change in the things to  
which they are accustomed.Most of us are fully aware that the  
institution of marriage, as at present  
practised, by no means invariably pro-  
duces perfect happiness. It is easy to  
point out the manifold defects and many  
novel experiments (such as the one we  
are now considering) are from time to  
time put forward for its improvement.

## SPOILING A GOOD INSTITUTION.

Marriage should be much more than  
its primary purpose—it may be much  
less; but those who deliberately set out  
to "make it something entirely different  
are likely to spoil a good, if not a per-  
fect, institution.It is however gravely we may disagree  
with this doctrine of platonic marriage;  
it is nevertheless possible that it may  
serve a useful educational purpose. For  
the idea that it may be perfectly possi-  
ble for a couple to live together in close  
association without any really intimate  
relationship at all may have an uplif-  
ting tendency, and is therefore certainly  
worth consideration.It would not be possible for most of  
us to-day. Some may doubt even if it  
would be desirable, but at least the sug-  
gestion that such a companionship has  
been tried and has succeeded in indi-  
vidual cases definitely marks an advance  
from the hideous notion, once only too  
prevalent, that no two people of different  
sex could ever be left alone together  
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ment allowing the priest to bless the ring  
after it was laid on the Book and before  
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fulness should, the House decided by a  
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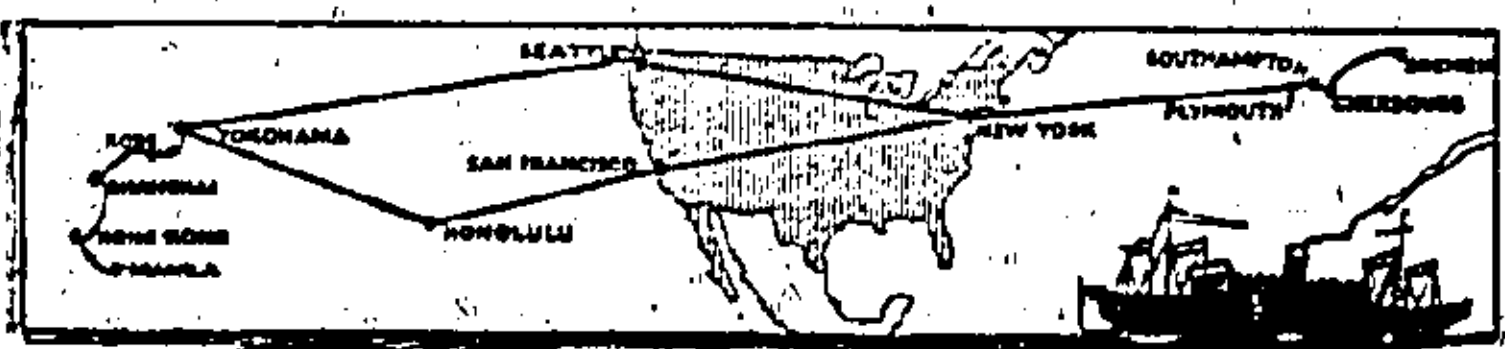
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## DOCTOR'S RIGHT TO WRITE. CHALLENGE OF A PENALISED SPECIALIST.

Questions of vital importance to the general public and not merely to doctors alone are raised once more by the action of the General Medical Council in respect of Dr. Haydn Brown, the well-known physician and surgeon, of 30, Cavendish-square.

Dr. Haydn Brown wrote in a weekly paper an article on a treatment called "autonomous relaxation," which he holds to be particularly valuable in cases of child-birth and nervous diseases.

He was accused by the Council of doing this for advertisement, and was held to have been guilty of "infamous conduct" in the professional sense, and his name was erased from the medical register.

"LUDICROUS CHARGE."  
Resentment is periodically expressed by medical men at the attitude adopted by the Medical Council. Scientific progress, it is declared, is hampered by restrictions on doctors.

Dr. Haydn Brown says it was impossible for him to call attention to the method through ordinary medical channels because adequate facilities were consistently denied him, but the General Medical Council, in conformity with its usual practice, brought against him the charge that he sought to obtain patients or to promote his own professional advantage by means of the article.

Dr. Haydn Brown is a licentiate of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, a Fellow of the Royal Society, and was formerly a Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London. He has written about twelve books that include Advanced Suggestion, Vitality and Diet, Sex problems, and Economics in midwifery practice.

His grandfather was one of the discoverers of the cause of purpural fever, and another ancestor was a famous botanist who planted the first cedar in England.

When interviewed by an *Evening Standard* representative, Dr. Haydn Brown said that his future actions must be guided by the legal aspects of the situation.

"An appeal against the General Medical Council," he said, "is one of the most hopeless things a man can embark upon, and I do not think I shall attempt one."

"It is ludicrous to suggest that my action was dictated by a desire to advertise. The subject of maternity on which I wrote is one that I have not practised for fifteen years."

"My motives were very much higher. Here is a method of treatment which has been proved to be so important that in my opinion its adoption would have made unnecessary the appointment of the Royal Commission on Lunacy."

"I am not a money grub, I am a scientist, but prejudice is so strong in the medical world against the making known of important new discoveries that I have been driven to adopt the course I did."

TOO RIGID.

"Unfortunately, there is an impression in the medical profession that new discoveries, to be of any worth, should emanate from medical men in some distinctive position or organisation."

"Other medical men, however, are realising that the rigidity of the General Medical Council's conclusions cannot be maintained much longer, as existing conditions do not permit of new discoveries receiving the attention they deserve."

"What are known as 'research' societies exist for the purpose of selecting and examining new material. These societies are sections of the Royal Society of Medicine, and the results are very unsatisfactory from the point of view of scientific progress, which is dependent on all and not merely on a section."

"There are too many doctors who are not given facilities to put forward their new discoveries, either through the medium of the societies or the Medical Press, and it is essential there should be an adequate outlet."

"We are entirely opposed to individual doctors writing to the lay Press," said the president of the Medical Practitioners' Union to the *Evening Standard*.

"Whatever the stated reason, these articles are, after all, only a subtle form of advertising. The lay world will always hear of new discoveries in good time, after they have been thoroughly investigated by the responsible body."

"The world suffers too much already from alleged discoveries. Hopes are raised, time and again only to be eventually dashed to the ground."

Sir Herbert Barker, the eminent bone-setter, who was subjected to years of active antagonism by the medical profession, said:—  
"Medical men and surgeons should be allowed to express their views fully and freely in the lay Press, especially in matters of the public well-being. A decision of the Medical Council penalising a man should always be subject to revision by another tribunal. For that tribunal a civil court would be quite competent, in my opinion."

## THE REAL MARIE STOPES. EXPERT ON FOSSILS—INCIDENTS IN HER LIFE.

Ask 90 out of every 100 people who is Dr. Marie Stopes, and the reply would be The author of Married Love. But Mr. Aymer Maude's Authorized Life of Marie C. Stopes, published by William and Norgate shows that Dr. Stopes has serious claims to fame as a paleontologist—an expert on ancient fossil life.

The book shows that while Dr. Stopes has only 13 publications under the heading "Sexology," four under Botany, one under Travel and six under Literature, she has 41 under Science, most of them highly technical treatises.

After taking the Ph.D. at Munich, she followed up her London B.Sc. by obtaining the Doctorate of Science, London, becoming, "I believe, the youngest Doctor of Science in England." Later, travelling in the U.S.A., she met Dr. Gates, who "proposed marriage within a few days of making her acquaintance." They were married a few months later.

"After years of marriage," Dr. Stopes was able to secure a decree of nullity. In 1918 Dr. Stopes married Mr. H. V. Roe, first in a registrar's office (Mr. Roe fearing he would have to go to France) and a month afterwards at St. Margaret's Westminster. After 15 months their first baby was born—a boy, "whose tragic death and all the attendant circumstances, involve a story," says Mr. Maude, "too strange and horrible for me to tell here." The second son was born this year.

## FEWER FOG DISASTERS.

PENETRATING LIGHT WITH RANGE  
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Mr. Walter Raine, M.P., for Sunderland, is co-patentee in an invention for reducing collisions at sea in fog, his partner being Mr. W. H. Davies, a Sunderland boiler-maker, who is the inventor.

"The device," said Mr. Raine "provides ships with a lamp which will give a warning in the thickest of fogs. The apparatus is fixed on the bridge deck, and there is a drum which reaches halfway up the mast. An electric light is fixed on the drum. It shines for one second and is then obscured for one second by means of a revolving shutter."

"The light is just as penetrating by day as by night. It can be so fixed as to be visible to an overtaking ship. We have experimented with a small model in a fog and in a smoke-screen, and the light penetrated to a distance of 600 yards; but with the full apparatus the penetrative power will be 1,500 yards, or nearly a mile, even in the thickest fog. We believe it will enormously reduce risks at sea."

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| CHATELAIN      | 15th Jan.                      | 16th Feb.                                                  | 15th Jan.                                       |
| PORTHOS        | 1st Jan.                       | 2nd Feb.                                                   | 1st Jan.                                        |
| AMAZONE        | 15th Jan.                      | 16th Feb.                                                  | 15th Jan.                                       |
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| S.S.        | Tons   | From Hongkong (about) | Destination                     |
|-------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,089 | 10th Jan. Noon        | Marseilles & London             |
| "BICILIA"   | 8,313  | 22nd Jan.             | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KALYAN"    | 9,113  | 24th Jan.             | Mars. London, R'dam, & Antwerp  |
| "DONGOLA"   | 8,083  | 4th Feb.              | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "MOREA"     | 10,911 | 7th Feb.              | Marseilles & London             |
| "SARDINIA"  | 8,334  | 18th Feb.             | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KASHMIR"   | 8,963  | 21st Feb.             | Marseilles, London & Antwerp    |
| "MALWA"     | 10,941 | 7th Mar.              | Marseilles & London             |
| "BOUDAN"    | 8,895  | 13th Mar.             | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KASHGAR"   | 9,005  | 21st Mar.             | Marseilles, London & Antwerp    |
| "BICILIA"   | 8,313  | 31st Mar.             | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "MANTUA"    | 10,902 | 4th Apr.              | Marseilles & London             |
| "KARMALA"   | 8,098  | 18th Apr.             | Mars. L'don & A'werp.           |
| "MACEDONIA" | 11,089 | 2nd May               | Marseilles & London             |
| "BICILIA"   | 8,313  | 18th May              | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "KASHMIR"   | 8,963  | 21st May              | Marseilles & London             |
| "SARDINIA"  | 8,334  | 18th May              | Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way. |
| "MOREA"     | 10,911 | 30th May              | Marseilles & London             |

## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

| S.S.     | Tons   | From Hongkong (about) | Destination                  |
|----------|--------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| "TAKADA" | 8,949  | 20th Jan.             | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
| "TALMA"  | 10,000 | 2nd Feb.              | do.                          |
| "TILAWA" | 10,000 | 14th Feb.             | do.                          |
| "TAKIWA" | 8,503  | 26th Feb.             | do.                          |

## EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| S.S.         | Tons  | From Hongkong (about) | Destination                  |
|--------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| "ST. ALBANS" | 4,500 | 4th Feb.              | Manila, Sandakan, Thursday   |
| "TANDA"      | 8,958 | 28th Feb.             | Island, Townsville, Brisbane |
| "ARAFURA"    | 8,000 | 1st April             | Sydney & Melbourne           |

\*Omit Sandakan.

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## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

| S.S.         | Tons   | From Hongkong (about) | Destination            |
|--------------|--------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| "MOREA"      | 10,911 | 29th Jan. 4 p.m.      | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "TALMA"      | 10,000 | 11th Jan.             | do.                    |
| "KASHMIR"    | 8,963  | 24th Jan.             | do.                    |
| "SARDINIA"   | 8,334  | 24th Jan.             | do.                    |
| "TILAWA"     | 10,000 | 24th Jan.             | Moji & Kobe.           |
| "TAKIWA"     | 8,503  | 3rd Feb.              | Kobe.                  |
| "MALWA"      | 10,941 | 7th Feb.              | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "TANDA"      | 8,958  | 7th Feb.              | Moji & Kobe.           |
| "KASHGAR"    | 9,005  | 21st Feb.             | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "BOUDAN"     | 8,895  | 21st Feb.             | do.                    |
| "BICILIA"    | 8,313  | 7th Mar.              | do.                    |
| "ARAFURA"    | 8,000  | 7th Mar.              | Moji & Kobe.           |
| "MANTUA"     | 10,902 | 7th Mar.              | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "KARMALA"    | 8,098  | 21st Mar.             | do.                    |
| "MACEDONIA"  | 11,089 | 3rd Apr.              | do.                    |
| "ST. ALBANS" | 4,500  | 4th Apr.              | Moji & Kobe.           |
| "SARDINIA"   | 8,334  | 17th Apr.             | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "NAGAYA"     | 8,334  | 23rd Apr.             | do.                    |
| "MOREA"      | 10,911 | 1st May               | do.                    |
| "TANDA"      | 8,958  | 9th May               | Moji & Kobe.           |
| "KALYAN"     | 9,113  | 15th May              | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe. |
| "MALWA"      | 10,941 | 29th May              | do.                    |
| "KASHMIR"    | 8,963  | 12th Jan.             | do.                    |
| "MANTUA"     | 10,902 | 26th Jan.             | do.                    |



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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| STRAITS ... ..                       | Taiwan ... ..   | 9th Jan.  |
| U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI   | Pres. Wilson    | 9th Jan.  |
| SHANGHAI ... ..                      | Sui Yang        | 10th Jan. |
| SHANGHAI ... ..                      | Yingchao ... .. | 10th Jan. |
| AUSTRALIA & MANILA ... ..            | Chungshu ... .. | 12th Jan. |
| AUSTRALIA & MANILA ... ..            | Miyama Maru     | 13th Jan. |
| JAPAN ... ..                         | Hakusan Maru    | 14th Jan. |
| STRAITS ... ..                       | Tyndarus        | 15th Jan. |
| JAPAN ... ..                         | Aki Maru ... .. | 15th Jan. |
| SAIGON ... ..                        | Chanilly ... .. | 19th Jan. |
| U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI | Pres. Van Buren | 19th Jan. |
| U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI   | Pres. Jackson   | 24th Jan. |

| For                                                                                                                                                                       | Per              | Date                                                                                                              |
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| Hohow, Pakhoi & Haiphong...                                                                                                                                               | Taitwa Maru      | Friday, 9th, 8.00 A.M.                                                                                            |
| Swatow, Amoy & Formosa                                                                                                                                                    | Chuenchow Maru   | 8.00 A.M.                                                                                                         |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow                                                                                                                                                  | Hai Yang         | Noon                                                                                                              |
| Shanghai and Japan                                                                                                                                                        | Nisaka           | 2.30 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                                    | Emp. of Russia   | 3.30 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Macau                                                                                                                                                                     | Chuenchow        | 4.15 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Samsui and Wackew                                                                                                                                                         | Tuining          | 4.30 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and EUROPE via Victoria, R.C.—due Victoria, R.C., 28th Jan.                                                   | Pres. Madison    | Parcels, 9th, 5.00 P.M.<br>Saturday, 10th, Registration 8.00 A.M.<br>Letters 8.30 A.M.<br>Parcels, 8th, 5.00 P.M. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 6th February, 1935                                                 | Macedonia        | Saturday, 10th, Registration 9.45 A.M.<br>Letters 10.30 A.M.                                                      |
| Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong                                                                                                                                                | Taming           | 8.00 A.M.                                                                                                         |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                                    | Suisang          | 10.00 A.M.                                                                                                        |
| Shanghai                                                                                                                                                                  | Liangchow        | 10.00 A.M.                                                                                                        |
| Japan                                                                                                                                                                     | Munster Maru     | 4.15 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Macau                                                                                                                                                                     | Chuenchow        | 5.00 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Hohow and Haiphong                                                                                                                                                        | Kingang          | —                                                                                                                 |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa                                                                                                                                                  | Kaino Maru       | Sunday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.                                                                                           |
| Shanghai                                                                                                                                                                  | Chengtu          | 9.0 A.M.                                                                                                          |
| *Swatow and Bangkok                                                                                                                                                       | Kwongtung        | Monday, 12th, 9.30 A.M.                                                                                           |
| Straits                                                                                                                                                                   | Elipora          | 2.30 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Amoy                                                                                                                                                                      | Sui Yang         | 3.30 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| *Swatow and Bangkok                                                                                                                                                       | Huangang         | 5.00 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow                                                                                                                                                  | Haiching         | Tuesday, 13th, Noon                                                                                               |
| Swatow                                                                                                                                                                    | Tungshing        | 5.00 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th Feb.                                                              | Hakusan Maru     | Wednesday, 14th, Reg. 8.45 A.M.<br>Letters 9.30 A.M.                                                              |
| Straits and Calcutta                                                                                                                                                      | Barrymore        | 1.00 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Straits                                                                                                                                                                   | Van Oosterstraet | Thursday, 15th, 11.30 A.M.                                                                                        |
| Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & S. America, & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 8th Feb.                                                                     | Philicletes      | Parcels, 15th, 5.00 P.M.<br>Friday, 16th, Registration 9.45 A.M.<br>Letters 10.30 A.M.                            |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow                                                                                                                                                  | Hai Nin          | 3.00 P.M.                                                                                                         |
| Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 18th Feb. Ship sails at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 15th January | Andre Lebon      | Saturday, 17th, Registration 4.15 P.M.<br>Letters 5.00 P.M.                                                       |
| Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 31st January                                                                                     | Aki Maru         | Tuesday, 2th, Registration 8.45 A.M.<br>Letters 9.30 A.M.                                                         |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                                    | Pres. Jackson    | Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.                                                                                           |

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| ADRASTUS ... | 2ND FEB.  | Amsterdam, London & Hamburg             |
| TROILUS ...  | 9TH FEB.  | Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg |

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\* via Port Sudan.

PHILOCTETES 16TH JAN. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver  
TALHYBIUS ... 10TH FEB. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver

ATREUS ...28TH JAN. Boston, New York, Baltimore via Suez  
Kt. COMPANION 19TH FEB. Boston, New York, Baltimore via Suez

|                  |               |                                |
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| <b>PATROCLUS</b> | ... 5TH FEB.  | Shanghai                       |
| <b>SABPEDON</b>  | ... 27TH JAN. | Singapore, Marseilles & London |
| <b>PATROCLUS</b> | ... 10TH MAR. | Singapore, Marseilles & London |
| <b>ANTENOR</b>   | ... 7TH APR.  | Singapore, Marseilles & London |
| <b>HECTOR</b>    | ... 5TH MAY   | Singapore, Marseilles & London |

Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.

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|------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----------|
|                                    |     | January 8th, 1935. |           |
| ON LONDON.—                        |     |                    |           |
| Telegraphic Transfer               | ... | 2/3½               |           |
| Bank Bills, on demand              | ... | —                  | 5/2 15/16 |
| Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight      | ... | —                  | 5/2 15/16 |
| Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight     | ... | —                  | 5/4       |
| Credits, at 4 months' sight        | ... | —                  | 5/4       |
| Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight | ... | —                  | 3/4       |
| ON PARIS.—                         |     |                    |           |
| Bank Bills, on demand              | ... | —                  | 1,085     |
| Credits, 4 months' sight           | ... | —                  | 1,125     |
| ON NEW YORK.—                      |     |                    |           |
| Bank Bills, on demand              | ... | —                  | 55½       |
| Credits, at 30 days' sight         | ... | —                  | 57        |
| ON BOMBAY.—                        |     |                    |           |
| Telegraphic Transfer               | ... | —                  | 15½       |
| Bank Bills, on demand              | ... | —                  | 15½       |
| ON CALCUTTA.—                      |     |                    |           |
| Telegraphic Transfer               | ... | —                  | 15½       |
| Bank Bills, on demand              | ... | —                  | 15½       |
| ON SHANGHAI.—                      |     |                    |           |
| Bank Bills, at sight               | ... | —                  | nom.      |
| Private, 30 days' sight            | ... | —                  | nom.      |
| ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand             |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | 110½      |
| ON MANILA.—On demand               |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | 99½       |
| ON SINGAPORE.—On demand            |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | 135½      |
| ON BATAVIA.—On demand              |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | nom.      |
| ON HONGKONG.—On demand             |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | nom.      |
| ON RANGOON.—On demand              |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | 78½       |
| SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying rate     |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | 83        |
| GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael      |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | 46.5      |
| BAR SILVER, per oz.                |     |                    |           |
|                                    | ... | —                  | 33 15/16  |

**Head Office: Hongkong.**

|                                  |     |     |             |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|
| Authorised Capital               | ... | ... | £50,000,000 |
| Issued and Fully Paid-up         | ... | ... | £30,000,000 |
| Reserve Funds:—                  |     |     |             |
| Sterling                         | ... | ... | £4,500,000  |
| Silver                           | ... | ... | £25,500,000 |
| Reserve Liability of Proprietors | ... | ... | £30,000,000 |

**Board of Directors:**

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| W. L. PATTERSON, Esq.    | Chairman            |
| H. P. White, Esq.        | Deputy Chairman.    |
| B. D. F. Baile, Esq.     | A. O. Lang, Esq.    |
| W. H. Bell, Esq.         | J. A. Plummer, Esq. |
| A. H. Compton, Esq.      | T. G. Wall, Esq.    |
| Hon. Mr. P. H. Rolysack. | G. M. Young, Esq.   |

**Chief Manager**  
A. H. BARKLOW, Esq.

**Manager: Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.**

**LONDON BANKERS:**  
**WESTMINSTER BANK, LTD.**

**CURRENT ACCOUNTS** opened in **LOCAL CURRENCY** and **RECEIPTS** receivable for one year or shorter periods in **Local Currency** and **Sterling** on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1924.

**THE** Business of the above Bank is conducted by the **HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION**. Rules may be obtained on application.

Interest on Deposits is calculated on the balance during each completed Calendar Month at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum. Should there be no withdrawal on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of \$100 or more to the **HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORP.** to be placed on **FIXED DEPOSIT AT CURRENT RATES.**

For the **HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,**  
**A. H. BARLOW,**  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. 185

INCORPORATED ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

|                                 |     |     |     |            |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Paid-up Capital                 | ... | ... | ... | 22,000,000 |
| Reserve Fund                    | ... | ... | ... | 23,600,000 |
| Reserve Liability of Proprietor | ... | ... | ... | 23,000,000 |

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking  
Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED  
DEPOSITS received, one year or shorter  
periods at rates which will be quoted on  
application

A. H. FERGUSON,  
Manager.

Hongkong, April 8th, 1934 (21)

(TAIWAN GINSEK.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial  
Charter, 1897.

Capital Subscribed ..... Yen 60,000,000  
Capital (Paid-up) ..... Yen 52,500,000  
Reserve Fund ..... Yen 12,980,000

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HEAD OFFICE.—FUKUOKA.

BRANCHES:

JAPAN.—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka,  
Moji.

CHINA.—Ginzei, Kagi, Karanko, Keelung,  
Makung, Peking, Pusan, Shingchie,  
Tientsin, Tainan, Takow, Tamsui,  
Tientsin, Ato.

CHINA.—Shanghai, Hankow, Kiakien,  
Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.

OTHERS.—Hongkong, Singapore, Batavia,  
Bombay, London, New York.

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The Bank has Correspondents in Commercial Capitals in the European Continent, in Japan, Manchuria, Tringto, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.

**21, YAMAMOTO  
"Manager"**

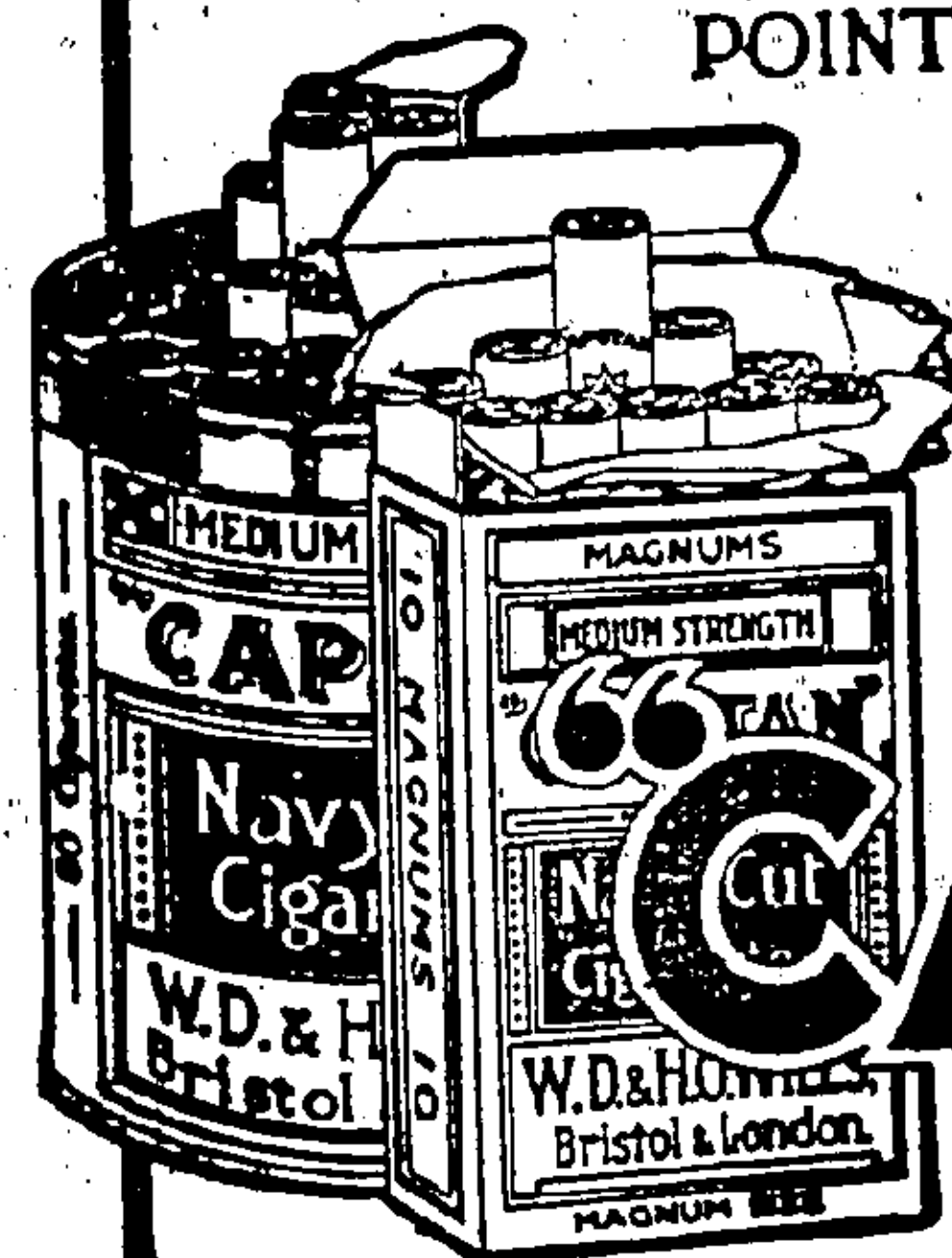
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4, Des Voeux Road,  
Hongkong, 26th Jan., 1911.

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15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Authorized Capital ... | £3,000,000 |
| Subscribed Capital ... | 21,800,000 |
| Paid-up Capital ...    | 21,050,000 |
| Reserve Fund ...       | 21,250,000 |

**BRANCHES:**

|          |            |              |           |
|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Bangkok  | Gall.      | Kuala Lumpur | Rangoon   |
| Batavia  | Hongkong   |              | Shanghai  |
| Calcutta |            | New York     | Singapore |
| Canton   | Kandy      | Penang       |           |
| Colombo  | Karachi    | Port Louis   | Sourabaya |
| Delhi    | Kota Bharu | (Mauritius)  |           |

**HONGKONG BRANCH:**

Every Description of Banking and Exchange Business Transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 3 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.)

Head Office: 98 Boulevard Faussmat 2, Pa

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Subscribed Capital ..... | Frs. 72,000,000.00  |
| Paid-up Capital .....    | Frs. 53,400,000.00  |
| Reserve Fund .....       | Frs. 753,667,222.54 |

|           |             |           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Batambang | Menglay     | Shanghai  |
| Canton    | Noamea      | Singapore |
| Djibouti  | Papeete     | Tientsin  |
| Haiphong  | Peking      | Tourane   |
| Hankow    | nom Penh    | Yunnanfu  |
| Harbin    | Pondicherry |           |

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Crédit Industriel et Commercial  
Société Générale.

In London: The National Provincial  
and Union Bank of England, Ltd.

French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts as arranged according to arrangement.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1934

HEAD OFFICE:—  
No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, HONGKONG

Established 1918.

Authorized Capital ..... \$10,000,000.00  
Paid-up Capital ..... 5,000,000.00  
Reserve Fund ..... 750,000.00

Interest allowed on Current Deposit accounts at the rate of Two per cent. per annum  
on Savings Accounts Four per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

|                                         | Per annum. |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent. | 4          |
| For 6 " "                               | 5          |
| For 12 " "                              | 5          |

**"KAN TONG PO,**  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, March 15th, 1924. 184

(Specially authorized by Presidential  
Mandate of the Republic of China on  
the 32nd of November, 1917.)

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Authorized Capital ..... | \$20,000,000.00 |
| Paid-up Capital .....    | 18,378,500.00   |
| Reserve Funds .....      | 2,621,495.34    |

**LONDON BANKERS:—**The National Provincial and County Bank of England Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts  
Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.  
Every description of Banking Business  
transacted.

Hongkong, September 8th, 1921.

1924. With INDEX. Price—\$7.50.  
On sale at the *Hongkong Daily Press* Office.

Established 1924.  
Hongkong Branch established 1906.

|                             |             |              |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Authorized Capital Guineers | 100,000,000 | (£1,500,000) |
| Paid-up Capital             | 80,000,000  | (£8,888,877) |
| Reserve Fund                | 20,045,031  | (£1,870,418) |
| Special Reserves            | 22,880,000  | (£1,988,228) |

Eastern Head Office.—BATAVIA

BRANCHES:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng,  
Bombay, Calcutta, Cheriton, Djemban,  
Djokjakarta, The Hague, Kobe, Kots,  
Rajah, Makassar, Medan, Padang,  
Palembang, Pekingang, Penang,  
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|         |        |           |
|---------|--------|-----------|
| Batavia | Kobe   | Sourabaya |
| Bombay  | London | Bangkok   |

|                |            |             |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Dairen (Dalny) | Nagasaki   | Singapore   |
| Fengtien       | Nagoya     | Shimonoseki |
| (Mukden)       | Nornewhang | Sydney      |
| Hamburg        | Osaka      | Tientsin    |
| Shankow        | New York   | Tokyo       |
| Hartia         | Peking     | Tientsin    |

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.  
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates  
to be obtained on application.  
C. ABIMA, Manager.  
Hongkong, 27th October, 1924. [39]

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